



At a Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at New York, on Rhode Island, for New England, by adjournments from the 13th of 6th month, to the 16th of the same inclusive 1825.

Not agreeable to the conclusion of last year, and after a season of retirement, proceeded to business.

By accounts from the several Quarterly Meetings composing this, we are inform'd that the Representatives from each are as follows. viz: -

For Rhode Island - Hannah Dennis Betsy Par-
inton. Elizabeth Congdon. Amy Knowles. Mary Duf-
fington. Mary Collins & Maria T. Hudson. . . for
Smithfield - Mary B. Allen. Alice Rathbone. Sarah
Shove sen. Lydia Gates. and Ruth Fry. . . for Salem -
Lydia Page. Miss Keene. Cornelia Page. Elizabeth
Breed. and Miriam Dued. . . for Sandwich - Mary
Card. Rhoda Howland. Sarah Tucker. Sarah Davis.
Grace Davis. Hepzibah Mitchell. Elizabeth Trice
Mary Wing. and Esther Newit. . . for Falmouth -
Phoe Cobb. fr. Phoe Pope. and. Anna Purinton &
Hannah W. Jones. . . for Vassalborough - Sarah How-
land. Abigail Dow. Deborah Wamsdale. and Lydia
Purinton. . . for Dover - Phoe Medow. Hannah
Baffurn. & Salomia Bracket. who being called are
present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory
reason was forwarded.

The accounts from the Quarterly Meetings have
been read at this time, and furnish the following
information - viz: -

That Rhode Island Quarter, has united with
Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in approving the
public appearances in the ministry of Abigail She-
man. - That Falmouth has united with Durham
Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary
Pope to the station of an Elder. and that Sandwich
has united with Westport Monthly Meeting in
approving the public appearances in the ministry of

Anna Shacumbar.

Copy's of Minutes from the Month-
ly Meeting of Ferrisburg (St. of Vermont) on behalf of our
our friends Huldah Hoag, and Abigail B. Hoag, also one
from the Monthly Meeting of Burlington (New-Jersey) on
behalf of our friend Abigail Barker have been read at this
time; each expressive of the unity, and sympathy of those
meetings with the above said friends in their present en-
gagement: we have likewise rec^d. one from Ferrisburg on be-
half of Michtable Austin - and from Burlington, on be-
half of Mary Alinson, all of whom are now acceptably
with us.

The Queries have been read, together with Answers
from our several Quarterly Meetings, and from those Mary
Hazard, Alice Rathbone, Elizabeth Smith, and Mary A. Rob-
inson are appointed to prepare a Summary, and present at
a future sitting.

We adjourn to the 4th hour this-afternoon. ~
2^d day afternoon. ~ Not agreeable to adjournment.

The Representatives having met, and
deliberated on the choice of Clerks, have proposed Ruth Todd-
man, and Hannah Gould for that Service; which being con-
sented with they are accordingly appointed for the present year.

A Copy of a Minute on behalf of our friend Jo-
anna Buffington, from East-Hoosuck (no: Meeting) who is now
acceptably with us, was presented, and read at this time.

Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Philadel-
phia. New-York. Baltimore. Indiana. Ohio. & Virginia have
been received, and read to the comfort, and we hope edification of
many present.

The subject of addressing our beloved Sisters
of distant Yearly Meetings having been solidly deliberated
upon, we have selected Rachel Thornton. Miriam Newhall.
Mary A. Robinson. Mary B. Allen. Alice Rathbone. Dorcas
Brown. Sarah Tucker. Elizabeth Barker. Phoebe Knicker. Phoebe
Cobb. Avis Kane. Mary DeKray. Susan Howland. Betsy Purin-
ton. and Lydia "Burd. to take the subject into consideration,
and if way should open in the Truth, prepare Essays of

Epistles to such yearly meetings as they may feel engaged to address. ~

We have appointed Mary Stubbs, Rachel Fry, Sarah Rude, Mary Brown, Dorcas B. Hadwin, Sarah Hadwin, Rachel Austin, Sarah Earl, Miriam Rind, Eliza Rind, Susan Tabor, Deborah Ramsdale, True-love Gunn, Mary Williams & Ann Brown, to transcribe those Epistles we have at this time received from neighboring yearly meetings. ~

Abie Rathbone, Hepsa Mitchell, & Eunice Mitchell are appointed to prepare endorsements to place on the minutes of our friends that are with us, and present when ready.

We adjourn to the 3^d hour to morrow afternoon. 3^d day afternoon - but agreeable to adjourn month. ~

The friends appointed to prepare a Summary from the Answers to the Queries, presented one which was read, approved, and is as follows - viz: -

Summary. ~

" It appears by the accounts received that most Friends
" are engaged for the due attendance of our meetings, yet
" it is evident there is not a sufficient concern in all;
" particularly with regard to those held in the middle of the
" week; a few instances have occur'd wherein some small
" meetings have not been attended in consequence of
" indisposition, and inclement weather: friends are
" careful to observe the hour: - mostly preserved from
" sleeping, and other unbecoming behaviour when assembled.

" Love and unity in a good degree maintained, tho'
" not so fully by all, as wholly to suppress detraction: -
" care taken with regard to differences.

" There are some who feel the importance
" of a guarded education, and are desirous to bring
" up those under their care in the manner queried
" after, these endeavour to be exemplary themselves,
" yet sorrowful deviations are apparent in others: -
" the scriptures, not so frequently read in our

4 families, as would be probable.

"Generally careful in observing the several particulars of the 4th & 5th Duries.

"Some instances of company-keeping, and marrying contrary to the order of friends.

Some deficiency with regard to recording, and Certificates. ~

"A care remains for the regular dealing with offenders; and placing judgment according to Discipline.

"We observe with satisfaction, a general expression of the extension of care, respecting the several deficiencies noticed. ~

Essays of Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of New-York, and Indiana, were presented read, & approved.

The "Boarding-School-Committee" presented the following report viz:—

"Extracts from the "Report of the "Boarding-School-Committee. [presented to the Yearly Meeting 6th Month 1825. ~]

"The Yearly-Meeting Boarding-School-Committee report that they have given attention during the past year, to the concerns of the Institution, and feel a degree of satisfaction in being enabled to state that the prospect of its ~~continued~~ usefulness to the children, and youth of the Society, continues to be encouraging. ~

"The School is continued under the charge of Enoch and Lydia Bond as Superintendants, and Isaac Jones, David Daniels, Samuel B. Tobey, Abigail Peirce, Mary Bond, and Sarah Earle, as Structures. The average number of scholars for the year past, has been one hundred and three. The receipts for board and tuition, with the income of the fund continue to meet the expenditures. ~

"It is concluded again to admit one child from each Monthly-Making six months, or two children three months each, free of expense, provided their term be within the year, succeeding the Yearly Meeting. ~

at the commencement of the present year, that the Committee thought it necessary for their convenient, and healthy accommodation, and that of the family, that the building should be enlarged by an addition of about forty feet square to each wing; and as it appeared desirable that the work should be commenced previous to the time of the Yearly Meeting, they, with the advice of the Meeting for Sufferings, have contracted to have such additions made, and they are now in progress.

The accounts of Moses Brown, Treasurer of the Fund, have been exhibited to the Committee, and settled; by which it appears, that the donation of fifty thousand dollars made to the Institution by our late friend Obadiah Brown, has been received by him, and invested in part in Bank Stock; and the residue loan'd to individuals, sufficiently secured by mortgage, or otherwise. — That the donation of One thousand dollars to the charitable Fund by our late friend Lydia Dillingham has also been received, and the amount invested in Bank Stock; and the income of this donation and the rent of the farm, in Connecticut, given by our late friend Sylvester Hicker, have been appropriated by the Committee agreeably to the respective Wills of the Donors. It appears also, that there is a disposable Fund, of about Nine thousand, four hundred Dollars in Securities, including the principal and interest due thereon — The balance of money in his hands, 4th month 21st 1827 $\$279.70$ has been paid, for the use of the Institution.

It is concluded by the Committee, that the children of this Yearly Meeting, who are members of Society, continue to be received for the present, at sixteen Dollars per quarter; and that those, who are children, or grandchildren of members of our Society, or under the care of friends of this Yearly Meeting (when the circumstances of the School permit of their being received) be admitted at twenty Dollars per quarter; and that should

to be thought best hereafter to receive any others, that they be
received at twenty five Dollars per quarter.

The Committee proposed (should it meet the approbation of
the yearly meeting) that the annexed minutes be presented
at the several monthly meetings for their government in
regarding children to the School. ~

Sign'd on behalf of the Committee,
H^{rs} Jenkins.

Providence 5th month 6th 1828.

Alice Hathorne.

which is satisfactory and the Committee had seen the
last year, are continued to the same for the year ensuing.

We adjourn to the hour at which the men's meet-
ing may conclude to meet to-morrow.

4th day morning - next near the 10th hour. ~

An Essay of an Epistle to the Yearly Meeting of
18th Carolina, was presented, read, and approved. ~

The General Printed Epistle of the last year,
containing much interesting and important counsel,
has been read at this time, to the comfort and consoling
of many minds present. ~

Endorsements to place of the minutes of our
friends that are now with us, were presented, read, &
approved. ~

We adjourn to the 4th hour this afternoon.

4th day afternoon. ~ Next agreeable to adjournment. ~

Essays of Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of Lon-
don, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Ohio, were read, and
with some small alterations, approved and signed.

Having now finished through the several sit-
tings of this meeting to witness a coming of living good,
which has strengthened our minds, an apprehension has
been felt by some present, that it would be right to en-
deavour to assist and encourage our subordinate meet-
ings, either by communicating therein the doctrine that has
been felt at this time, in relation to the various subjects
that have come before us, or by imparting such counsel as
they may respectively stand in need of. ~ This object, being
deemed a highly important one, was decided upon by the

meeting, was fully and feelingly united in it; and the aid
Robinson. Alice Rathbone. Mary B. Allen. Hannah Linn.
It is here. Kelsey Purinton. Susan Howland. Elizabeth
Baker. Mary Card. Sarah Tucker. Elizabeth Mitchell.
Hepda Howland. Hannah Gould Jr. and Susanna
Gardner are appointed to visit the several Quarters,
and other meetings, tents belonging (as way may open
in the South) and administer such help, as best
they can, may enable them to do. ~

This meeting adjourns to the past 7 to morrow morning.
5 day... but agreeable to adjournment, near the time proposed.

The Representatives being called are present
except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was
assign'd at the first sitting.

An Essay of an Epistle to the yearly meeting
of Virginia was read, and approved.

The Clerk is directed to forward Transcripts
of the Epistles received at this time, to our several
Quarterly Meetings. ~

We have had abundant cause, thro'
the several sittings of this meeting, to acknowledge with
gratitude the continued condescension of our Holy Head,
in calling us unitedly, and harmoniously to labour
for the support and preservation of our ancient testimo-
nies; and with renewed desires, that the importance
of these, may be duly appreciated, and firmly main-
tain'd by all our members, we conclude; intending
to meet again if permitted at the usual time, and
place next year. ~

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

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Rutha Rodman
Clerk.

From the Union Meeting of Women-Friends held at New
London Rhode Island for New-England, by arrangement from
the 1st to the 16th of 6th month Past.

To the yearly Meeting of Women-Friends-New York.
Dear Friends.

We have in humble gratitude, to commemorate
the continued goodness of Divine Providence, in enabling us
once more to meet together in this, our annual assembly,
which has through favour been in a good degree eased by the
heavy load of the Church, without which, no religious service can
be acceptably performed: Still under deep sense of the neces-
sity of waiting on Divine counsel (and in that we have ex-
perience that) that we have ever enacted to attend to the con-
cerns of Society that have come before us at this time; and
we hope that it is not the address of the letter, but in the renewed
feeling of Gospel love that we are drawn thus to exhort you (re-
sisters) desiring that it may be the care of us all, in meetings &
makings, daily to seek an increase in our knowledge of God, and
of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ "where to know is life
eternal"; and in order to this, let us keep in mind, that as our
powers, we can do nothing: but as we endeavour to abide under
the guidance of the Holy Spirit, which's mark we see, in our
inquiries, and, and common, we shall continue to know the
mercies of his favour, "Saying that our sin on the Lord, & our
iniquities thou shalt not" and those who trust in Him, shall never
be confounded. - The present is a season of exercise and trial
for us, to those who are bound to the law and to the testi-
mony of truth; being impressed with a sense of it, let us
dear friends be encouraged to look steadily to Him who is
able to "save to the uttermost, all that come unto God by him".
If we live in his fear, we shall have faith to confide in
his protection; and he will preserve us through all the vicissi-
tudes of this mutable state in the safe munition of his own
truth and power; and frequently replenish our minds
with the rich incomes of his love, strengthening us his
steadfastness to become faithful in every good word,
and work; and thereby in some degree, we may be as those
blessed, concerning whom the Lord said, by his prophet -

This People have I form'd for myself; they shall show
my praise": thus our example will be such, as becomes Godli-
ness, that we may thereby adorn the doctrine of Christ
Jesus, our Lord, who has called us to be a people faith-
ful in bearing the cross; and our testimony to the great
truths of the Christian Religion, which is revealed to
us, by the Spirit of God, through his "Beloved Son";
unto whom, he hath committed all judgment,
that "all men, should honour the Son, even as
they honour the Father".

In being together at this time, we have
been favoured to witness, as said the wise King -
"Son, sharpen thy Son; so, a man sharpeneth the
countenance of his friend": Thus, at these, our
yearly meetings, we are encouraged by the pres-
ence of each other, to persevere in the way, which
we believe to be cast up for us; and in a degree,
of that feeling, that "with no fellow" come to
our minds, have in tender sympathy, been drawn,
silently to greet those, (both with you, and us) that
are afflicted, and deeply tried with many discour-
agements; remembering, that it is said - "afflic-
tion cometh not forth of the dust; neither doth trou-
ble spring out of the ground"; for "as many as I love,
saith the Lord, I reprove, and chasten" - we have
believed, that those, by endeavouring to "press their
souls in patience", would often receive consolation
from the fountains of all good; and by the presence
of the promised Comforter, be enabled frequently to
"rejoice in hope".

Your acceptable Epistle of 5th Mo.
last, has been read at this time, to our comfort and
edification.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

By
South Redman
Clerk

I am, dear friends, your affectionate friend, and the
first-born of the same, and the first-born of the same, by your
from the 10th to the 10th of 6th month 1825.

To the legally-shooting of Women - Friends at Indiana.
Dear Friends.

It is a dear wish, that as sisters, we can do
nothing for the promotion of truth, or the encouragement of
those, who feel bowed under the weight of many trials; both
by the revival of, that we have in our ancient and new, we
are at times strengthened with might in the inner man,
and prepared to enter into sympathizing with the exercised
soul, however remotely situated: we are renewedly con-
vinced in belief, that the Divine arm is underneath, for the
support of all those, who feel unitedly engaged to harmonize
in labour.

In being permitted again here to assemble in a hear-
ing in making capacity, we have not felt it to be a season of discour-
aging in that which is good; yet we have cause gratefully to ac-
knowledge that the love of our Heavenly Father, hath in this time
been witness'd, to the cementing of many minds in humble,
silent travail, for the prosperity of truth; and under its in-
cious influence we desire to open the circulation of, & give love,
and encourage all, duly to turn their attention unto him,
who said - "Let not your hearts be troubled; we believe in God;
believe also in me": - in so doing, we may come to experience the
name of the Lord, to be a "Strong tower"; and his "law perfect";
and as engaged to walk therein, we shall know an advance-
ment in the Christian path, and at times be favour'd to "go
up to the house of the Lord, in company" and to "take counsel
together": - how dear is this, let us now be weary in
well-doing; for in due season, we shall reap if we sow. May
we hold in perpetual remembrance that in so many months
suffering, that the work of Christian redemption is perfected,
and we enabled to adopt the words of the psalmist - "Thou hast
guided me with strength unto battle; thou hast subdued under
me, thou hast rose up against me": - thus we come to expe-
rience that, which has in our own minds, risen in opposi-
tion to the pure witness of truth, laid prostrate, by the power

returning love. ~

And to you, dear young women, our hearts are drawn in tenderness, with desire that it may be your frequent concern, to seek for an establishment on the only sure foundation "Christ within, the hope of glory", and to wait in humble watchfulness for the teachings of this heavenly instructor; that through the unfolding of Divine Counsel, you may be enabled to stand in that faith, which giveth the victory. ~

The state of Society hath at this time been spread before us; and our attention turned to the different subjects thereof; a degree of the solemnizing power of Divine Love, hath been felt, to unite our minds in labour for the support of the testimony of Truth. ~

Your acceptable Epistle of 10th month last, hath been read at this time, to the refreshment of many minds. ~

With the salutation of love, we remain your affectionate sisters. ~

Sign'd on behalf of the Meeting by
Ruth Woodman
Clerk.

Ann the yearly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Newport, on Rhode-Island, for New-England, by adjournments, from the 13th to the 16th of 6th month 1825.

To the yearly-meeting of Women-Friends at North-Carolina. ~

Dear Sisters.

It is we trust in a degree of that Love, that hath gather'd us to be a people, that we are drawn thus to salute you; believing, that through the medium of Epistolary Communications, we have received good, when favour'd with such salutations from our sisters abroad; and not having had as usual, a testimony of your remem-

ance; and trusting that we continue unitedly to travel on
the promotion of the one great, and good Cause, are therefore
encouraged to offer the salutation of Gospel love; and
although weakness, and discouragements encompass our
minds at times, we have a fresh cause of humble
thankfulness unto Him, who in the plenitude of his
mercy, has been pleased, by the solemnizing power of Di-
vine Love, to manifest himself unto us, during the
several sittings of this Yearly-Meeting; and enabled us
to attend to the business that has come before us, to our
mutual comfort and satisfaction.

From accounts received, there remains cause
of regret, that deficiencies continue to exist; still we are
encouraged, believing in this testimony, that "the work of
righteousness, is peace; and the effect thereof, quietness, and
assurance forever".

As our beginning was in the spirit, and our
fellowship must be under the holy influence of it. may we
be frequent in waiting upon God, for the renewings thereof,
and in watching in it; that the enemy of all good, in his
various transformations in the present day, may be seen,
and avoided; and we continue a people to the praise of
his great name, who hath called us "out of darkness, in-
to his marvellous light".

Amongst our deliberations at
this time, the right education of children, and mature as-
pirations, are of great importance; and we have paid it to our
former care to have had to the same end, and to the same
and to an early and frequent turning of the Holy Scriptures,
in the hearing of both parents and children, and give
their minds often refreshed by the renewal of Divine Love.

It is our desire that the Lord in a special manner
should be present to all the people, in all the places, in all
the times, and in all the ways: we are not unmindful of the
different situations of many of our dear friends, whose lots
are cast in solitary places, and who necessarily assemble
in worship, in small companies; but seeing "that the same
word over all, is rich unto all that call upon him", may these,

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with you and us, be excited to the diligent attendance
of our religious meetings; this we believe to be a duty incum-
bent on all who desire to witness an increase in the increase
of God: may the infinite author of all good, vouchsafe to quicken
in us to a stricter watchfulness, and more diligence in the
discharge of our respective duties; that through a renewed atten-
tion to his instructions, and obedience to his requirements,
we may more fully be replenished with the virtue of his Holy
Spirit, and thus become of the number of those who
"keep Zion in remembrance," and are truly concerned,
in spirit, that her "righteousness may go forth as bright-
ness, and the salvation thereof, as a lamp, that burn-
eth."

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

By
Ruth Rodman
Clerk.

From the Yearly-Meeting of Women-Friends, held at
Newport, on Rhode-Island, by adjournments from the 13th to the
10th of 6th Month, 1825.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women-Friends at London.
Dear Friends.

In the feeling of weakness, and in the view
of many discouragements, some of us have often been rea-
dy to "quay" who will show us any good"—still we are at
this time encouraged thus to address our Sisters in a
distant land; and can acknowledge in the best feeling
of sisterly love; and with gratitude to the Author of all
good, the receipt of your excellent Epistle of 1823, which
was read at our last yearly meeting, to the satisfaction,
and encouragement of many, believing a living con-
cern, and religious engagement in the fellowship of
the Gospel, continues to exist in the minds of the virtu-
ous, for the promotion of the great cause of truth, and
righteousness on the Earth.

We have renewed cause of thankfulness,

to the Father of mercies, and God of all comfort", we have
permitted us to be again sensible, that we are under his
protecting care; his love, and ancient goodness have not been
withheld, ~~in~~ shown us, in this, our annual assembly, in
which we have been favoured with renewed evidence, that
he is still graciously disposed to bless the provision of Zion,
and satisfy her poor, with bread. We desire that all
may so offer their hearts to his disposal that when trials
arise, we may look with entire reliance unto Christ, the
great Head of the Church, who will lead us safely ~~along~~,
by the guidance of his own spirit, in the way he would
have us to go; he will be a "shield from the sun and from
the storm;" and teach us to distinguish "his voice," from
that of the "stranger": by thus knowing the Lord for our-
selves, and abiding in the "fatch-tree", it may be said,
unto us, as unto a people, formerly - "the eye that saw shall
not grow dim; and the ear that hears shall hearken";
and thus we may come to be of that "One-fold" of which
Christ Jesus, our Lord, is the everlasting shepherd: and by
continuing faithful unto the end, may have life, in
eternal life with him.

During the several sittings of this
Meeting, we have been enabled, through divine assistance to
attend to the business that has come before us, in Love, and
Christian condescension.

With desire that the blessing of
preservation in holy fear may be still extended both to you,
and us, that we may thereby be qualified to adopt the
language of the Prophet - "I will trust, and not be afraid,
for the Lord, Jehovah is my strength, and my song; he
also is become my salvation - we bid you farewell.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting - by
Ruth Rodman Clark.

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From the Yearly Meeting of Women-Friends held at Newport on "Whide-Island" for New-England, by adjournments from the 13th to the 16th of 6th Month 1825.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women-Friends at Philadelphia.

Dear Friends.

In the renewed extendings of the Father's love, we are induced to address you; having abundant cause to believe, that as we are concerned to wait for Divine direction we shall experience the assisting influence of the Spirit of Truth, whereby we may be helpful one unto another in an epistolary correspondence with our endeared Sisters; that as we are unitedly engaged in the one good cause we may participate in a lively interest, and fellow feeling one with another.

We are comforted in the belief, that there are many both with you, and us who are engaged to "bear the burden, and bear it, till the day" and who being preserved steadfast in the "Faith once delivered to the saints"; confiding in the power of God which can alone build up, and establish on the "immovable Rock", (Christ Jesus, the "hope of glory") against which, nothing has been "supposed to prevail"; and to the praise of the great, and excellent name of our Holy-Leader we may reverently acknowledge, that his "arm is not shortened, that he cannot save; neither is his ear grown heavy, that he cannot hear"; but in infinite love, he has engaged a living remnant, that are made willing in the day of his power, to stand as valiants, promoting his cause, which many have been engaged to suppress; and under the influence of Truth, are we too, as "willing to suffer as to abound", feeling engaged to labour with desire to repair the waste places amongst us; and we are comforted in belief, that many have been strengthened with "might in the inner man" to persevere in their Christian course, as being "girded with strength, having the shield of Faith, and their lamps burning".

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The number found that under the sustaining influence of ancient promises, we are now permitted at this time, to transact the mighty affairs of society, in the same way as, in harmony, and concord, and have cause to acknowledge, that "hitherto, the Lord hath helped us."

In view of this time the "visions that are seen, are narrow"; a living sacrifice has been made, particularly for those in the morning of life, so that they may be availingly enabled to turn unto the Lord, and write in favour, and thereby experience a qualification to move in their allotted sphere of religious usefulness.

We conclude with the salutation of love, your friends and sisters.

Signed on behalf of the meeting, by
Fanny Woodman Clerk.

From the Yearly Meeting of Women-Friends held at Newport on Rhode-Island, for New-England, by adjournments from the 13th to the 16th of 6th month, 1825.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women-Friends at Baltimore.
Dear Friends,

In a feeling of encouragement, conveyed to us, through the medium of your amiable Epistle of 10th month last, we are renewedly made sensible, that the bond of true Christian Fellowship may be mutually strengthened by an intercourse with our beloved sisters, in this way; believing, that as we are concerned to "walk by the same rule, and to mind the same thing," we shall be preserved firm in our attainments; steadfast in Faith, and established in a belief of our Lord, and Saviour, Jesus Christ, whose mediation with the Father, is the blessed, and only availing means of our salvation; who being "touched with a feeling of our infirmities," ministers to our necessities in seasons of trial, even by the breaking of a little bread, which has, as Joanna, been "seasonably gathered."

Our annual assembly hath at this time been large; and we were a season of profitable exercise to many, whose minds have been excited to a sense of the importance of greater watchfulness, in keeping near to our true head;

that we stand more faithfully for the cause of truth, and the support of our various testimonies; that as our dependence is realized, we shall know a descending in spirit, with the "Seed of the Kingdom, under suffering", believing as we patiently abide here, we shall, in the Lord's time, be enabled to "arise in newness of life", rejoicing in that Power, which strengthened the mind to endure suffering, whereby we may experience a qualification to "keep the word of his patience", who can "persevere in his heart".

In turning our attention to the friends of the present day, a tender solicitude hath been felt, that they may be preserved in the path of Christian simplicity; and we would extend the language of invitation, "Come, taste and see that the Lord is good", ruling, concerned, renewed, to testify, that "wisdom's ways, are ways of pleasantness; and ^{and} her paths are peace", leading to an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, that fadeth not away."

Signed on behalf of the meeting, by
Ruth Woodman Clerk.

From the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport, on Rhode-Island, for New-England, by adjournments from the 13th of the 6th month, to the 16th of the same, inclusive 1825.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends at Mount Pleasant, Ohio.

Dear Friends.

Having been permitted once more to meet in a Yearly Meeting capacity (with under feelings of peace, and wellbeing) we are indebted to the many faithful minds; "by whom shall Jacob arise, for he is small"; yet we trust those who have been engaged to draw near unto him who is "strong in weakness, he will appear as he is in the midst of time" are enabled to testify to him with the language - "I have thy Spirit, O Lord! and will not turn back, I stand, and shall stand; it is written a day that will surely be with thee."

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watchmen; yet there is no cause for alarm or dismay, as
the foundation of God, standeth sure: having this seal - the
Great Omnipotent God, who are his: let us then (Dear Sisters)
see that our feet stand firm on this Rock on which
Christ's Church is built; patiently abiding in the valley of
humiliation, that he may direct to "hush us in his ways";
and by his protecting power "guide us in the paths of true
judgment": - being tenderly sensible that without di-
vine aid, we cannot do any thing to advance the glorious
cause of Truth, and Righteousness, we feel a tender solici-
tude, that we may be directed of every thing, that would have
a tendency to "mar the work on the wheel": depending only on
divine aid for support; then shall we be enabled to ex-
perience the efficacy of that "loving faith" which "works by
Love, and purifies the heart": this truth will be mercifully
raised into admiration, and the sincere hearted encourage-
ment to "give back in the day of battle"; but to hush in that
Power, which like David is not only to chase the smooth
stones, but strengthen him to prevail against the uncon-
quered: -

We trust that in a measure of that Love, also
grace, that we have been permitted to enjoy, during the several
sittings of this yearly meeting, that we affectionately salute
you, and bid you farewell.

Sign'd on behalf of the Meeting - by
Fanny Rodman Clerk.

From the Yearly Meeting of Women-Friends held at Newport,
on Rhode-Island - in New-England; by adjournments, from the
15th of the 6th month, to the 10th of the same month 1825.

To the Yearly-Meeting, of Women-Friends, to be held at Gra-
velly-run - Dinwiddie County - Virginia.

Dear Sisters.

Under a sense of our Heavenly Father's Love
and condescension, in permitting us to meet together at
this time, some of our minds are reverently bowed before
him, with this language - "What shall we render unto thee,
O all thy benefits?" - Passing through the several sittings of

his mercy, experienced that he remains to be a God in
a time, and that those who feel their hearts in him, with
their devotion, for as the mountains are round about
Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people. Let us
therefore continue in that faith which wins the victory,
and overcomes the world.

Dear Brethren, there are various causes in suff-
ering in the present day, we are encouraged to believe,
that a benediction will visit you and us, we trustfully be-
lieve in the promotion of British influence, that "peace
may be within her walls; and prosperity, within her
streets."

May the blessed youth early bow to the yoke of Christ
remembering his gracious words - "Take my yoke upon you,
and learn of me, for I am meek, and lowly in heart, and
ye shall find rest unto your souls" - precious privilege,
our young ladies be may you wisely improve the time
and talents committed to you, to the honour of our
great Creator, and the enriching peace of your own minds;
we tenderly exhort you, that you may close in with the vision
of the Lord; being made willing to sacrifice all, for
his sake, who is a rich rewarder of those who love him:
and we believe many now feel something like this lan-
guage "With my soul have I desired thee in the night;
yea with my spirit within me will I seek thee early."

We have received your acceptable Epistle, which
has been read, to the satisfaction, and we hope cooperation of
many amongst us: may we so abide under the influence,
and power of Truth, as to be enabled to perform the services
assigned us, to the honour, and glory of the "great Name,"
and most assuredly will be our "chief, and exceeding
great reward".

Some of us can feelingly unite with you
in desire that the condition of the oppressed Africans may be im-
proved; and we tenderly sympathize with those, whose lot is
cast among them.

With a renewed salutation of love we remain your friends and sisters.

Signed on behalf of the Brethren by... Arthur Thomson Clerk.

1825.

At a yearly Meeting of Women Friends, held at New York
in Rhode-Island, in New-England by adjournments from
the 12th of the 5th month, to the 15th of the same (inclusive), 1826.

Met agreeable to the conclusion of last year, and
after a season of retirement, proceeded to business.

By the accounts from the several Quarterly
Meetings, constituting this, it appears that the Repre-
sentatives from each, are as follows viz: In Rhode-
Island Mary Spencer, Lydia Wood, Mary M. Bobin-
son, Hannah King, and Susanna Earl, in Salem
Miss Kane, Elizabeth Rogers, Ruth Bass, and Alice
Chase, in Sandwich Mary Taber, Alice Rogers, Elizabeth
Wright, Elizabeth Miller, Sarah Tucker, Susanna Gardin-
er, Lydia Buggis, and Deborah Chase, in Smithfield,
Alice Rathbone, Mary B. Allen, Elizabeth Tower,
Eunice Miller, and Lydia S. Cox, in Waterbury Mar-
tha Hawks, in Exeter Mary T. Shaw, Benjamin
Abigail Dow, and Betsey Abbott, in Dover Abigail Lane,
Phoebe Medar and Hannah Buggis, who being
called are present.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Bob-
son from Great Britain now on a religious visit to
this Continent, and present with us at this time, pre-
sented a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting of
Hardshawes held at Liverpool, the 4th & 3rd Mo:
1824, endorsed by the Quarterly Meeting of Lancashire
held at Manchester the 10th of 3rd mo: 1824 - together
with one from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers &
Elders, held in London by adjournments on the 17th
18th 19th and 27th of the 5th month of the same year: each
expressive of near unity & sympathy with her, in her
present concern.

Our beloved friend Anna Braith-
waite also from Great-Britain being likewise ac-
ceptably with us, presented, Certificates from the
monthly meeting of Dorset, held 20th of 3rd mo: 1825 endorsed by Wes-
sex and Quarterly Meeting, held the 3rd of 4th month, and

from the yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in
London, by adjournments on the 16th 17th 18th and 21st
of the above-said year, severally containing a full, and
satisfying expression of unity and sympathy with her in
her present arduous engagements in this land.

A copy of a Minute from a Society Monthly Meeting
Ducks County - Pennsylvania - on behalf of our friend
Esther Ly was rec'd read - also one from Olney showing
by meeting on behalf of our friend Deborah Boutwell
asked 17th 18th 19th 20th 21st with one from Purchase
showing meeting concerning her companion Phoebe
Sally - all of whom we now acceptably with us.

The accounts from the Quarterly Meetings
having been read at this time, we have therefore
obtained the following information viz: -

that White Island Quarter has united with
those Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment
of Wm. Driscoll to the station of an Elder; with
East Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment
of Anna Anthony; and with South Kingstown in
that of Hannah Lincoln to that station: that
Pleasant has united with those Monthly Meeting,
in the appointment of Eunice Sawyer, and Han-
nah Sage to the place of Elders. that Sandwich
has united ^{with} Westport, in approving the public appear-
ances in the ministry of Elizabeth Trip, and that
Passabunock has united with Sidney Monthly Meet-
ing in appointing Adam Wing. Esther Wing and
Lydia Parinton to the station of Elders; and with
China, in approving the ministry of Hannah Bur-
lett, and Elizabeth Pinckney.

Acceptable Epistles from the yearly Meetings
of Philadelphia. New York. Baltimore. and Virginia,
have been received, and read at this time.

We adjourn to the hour, at which our
men friends may conclude to meet this
afternoon.

Friday afternoon. met at the 4th hour.

The Representatives reported that they had met, and conferred together on the subjects of Clerks, and were united in proposing Ruth Woodman & Hannah Gould for that service; and this Meeting approving the nomination has appointed them for the present year.

The acceptable Epistle from Ohio Meeting, has been read at this time.

The subject of addressing our beloved sisters of other Yearly Meetings, having been introduced at this sitting; we have (after solidly deliberating on the subject) appointed Elizabeth Barker. Deborah Whit. Sarah Tucker. Ruth Davis. Lydia Breed. Mary B. Allen. Iris Kane. Hannah Collins. Elizabeth Rogers. Betsey Dickinson. Lydia C. Smith. Mary Ward. and Alice Rathbone, to take the subject into further consideration, and in way should open in the Truth, prepare Essays, and produce at a future sitting.

The London General Epistle of the last year, fraught with important counsel, and instructive admonition has been read, to our comfort, and confirmation.

Mary A. Robinson. Abigail Arnold. Abigail Sherman. and Ruth Bassett are appointed to prepare endorsements, to place on the Certificates & Minutes of those Friends that are now with us, from other Yearly Meetings.

We adjourn to the hour at which the Men's Meeting may conclude to meet to-morrow.

Saturday afternoon. met near the 3rd hour.

The Queries have been read, together with Answers from our several Quarterly Meetings, from which Ruth Treckon, and Mary P. Hazard, are appointed to prepare a Summary, and present when ready.

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The Boarding-School-Committee submitted the following

Report, viz:

"That they have given their attention to the concerns of the Institution through the past year, and feel a satisfaction in being able to state their belief, that its usefulness to society, continues to increase.

The School is under the care of Enoch, and Lydia Bond as Superintendents; and Josiah Jones, David Daniels and George Jones, Miguel Pierce, Isaac Davis, and Mary Dilling as Teachers. Meetings for worship were then regularly continued, and the family has been preserved in harmony. The average number of Scholars for the past year has been one hundred and ten. The receipts for board and tuition, together with the income of the fund, have proved equal to the expenditures.

It is again conceded to receive one child from each Society meeting, six months, or two children three months each, free of expense; provided their term be accomplished within the year succeeding the yearly meeting. The terms of admission of children the same as last year.

"The accounts of the Treasurer of the School are in an excellent and accurate state. The additions to the wings of the School-House, as contemplated in our Report of last year, have been completed; the expense of which, together with the necessary improvements in the old parts of the house, amounts in the whole to eight thousand, eight hundred and thirty five dollars, and fifty nine cents. Of this sum, seven thousand, four hundred and eighty nine dollars and eighteen cents, has been collected on the disposable fund, and paid, leaving a balance of fifteen hundred and fifty one dollars and forty one cents now due; to liquidate which, there remains on the disposable fund, uncollected, two thousand and fifty two dollars and seventy two cents.

The average number of Scholars, for the

last five months having been one hundred and thirty six,
a much larger number than at any former period. Expe-
rience has proved that the additions were necessary in the
suitable remuneration and comfort of the scholars and
staffing. "

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

Moses Brown
Mary B. Allen

5th of 5th Month 1824.

which is satisfactory; and Mary B. Allen, and Susanna Gardiner
are appointed to bring forward the names of a few friends to
add to the Committee that served the last year.

We adjourn to the hour that the men may conclude
to meet to-morrow.

4th day. Not agreeable to adjournment at the 10th hour.

The Friends under appointments to select an ad-
dition to the Boarding School Committee have proposed Mary Thore,
Mary Chase, Hannah Arnold, Susan Ann. Baffum & Can-
nah Gould Jr. which being united with they are accordingly
appointed.

An acceptable Epistle from the Yearly Meeting
of North-Carolina has been received and read.

Copy's of Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of Philadel-
phia and Virginia have been read, and with some small
alterations, approved and sign'd.

The Committee for that purpose have presented
a Summary from the Answers to the Queries, which was
read and (after a little alteration) approved, and is as follows viz
Summary.

"It appears from the accounts brought up from
our several Quarterly Meetings, that all our meetings for
Worship and Discipline (with the exception of a few in con-
sequence of indisposition and inclement weather) have
been attended by most of our members; yet a consid-
erable deficiency is manifested in this important duty,
on which account some care has been extended: - The
hour observed: - not quite clear of sleeping; the con-
ducting behaviour generally guarded against. -

Love and living subsists amongst many of our members; yet its influence is not so generally experienced, as wholly to suppress the spirit of detraction: care is taken to red differences when they appear. -

It is believed that much care rests upon the minds of many friends, faithfully to discharge their duty in visiting or care with their care in visitings; to restrain them from reading unprofitable publications & conversation; and to encourage the frequent perusal of the Scriptures; yet an increasing care & concern in these respects appears to be necessary. -

Our testimony generally maintain'd with regard to spirituous liquors; also in observing moderation on account of Births, marriages &c. - some deviations in attending places of public resort, on which account, care has been extended. -

A care appears to prevail, in relation to affording relief to the necessitous; and also with respect to placing children from among friends. -

Notwithstanding many parents are concerned to discourage disorderly marriages; and keeping company contrary to the order of society - yet the frequent deviations in these particulars, point out the necessity of an increasing watchfulness over those under their care. -

It appears that friends are generally careful in attending to the requisitions of the 1st & 2^d Societies: some deficiencies respecting recording, and Certificates; on these accounts, care is taken. -

There is a general expulsion of care in dealing with offenders, measurably as Discipline requires; in some instances, a more punctual attention to this very important duty, it is believed would have been useful. -

We adjourn to the hour at which the men may meet this afternoon -
4th day afternoon - but at the 4th hour.

Expos of Epistles to the Society Meetings of this Indiana and Baltimore were produced at this sitting,

and with a few alterations, were approved and signed. —

A lively Memorial from New Bedford Meeting respecting our deceased friend James Davis was read at this time; expressive of his pious life, and peaceful close: also one from Rhode-Island Monthly Meeting concerning our ancient friend Elizabeth Holt: the reading of these testimonials of departed worth, hath excited in us, a ^{hallowed} desire, that by living in the "fear of the Lord" — we also may die in his favour.

The Friends appointed last year, to visit our subordinate Meetings have submitted the following Report: —

To the Yearly Meeting.

"The joint Committee of Men and women, in the charge of visiting the Quarterly and other Meetings were becoming more attentive to their appointments as they has opened — they have had several conferences together on the subject; and a number of them have united at different times in visiting some of the Meetings: and we are encouraged to believe, that those visits and labours have been well-accepted by Friends, and we hope that usefulness has been derived therefrom — It was the sense of the Committee, that the further sympathy and care of the Yearly Meeting, particularly to some of the subordinate Meetings, might be beneficially extended. —"

Signed on behalf of the Committee by
Thomas Howland. &
Abigail Robinson. —

Newport 14th of 6th Mo: 1826.

which is acceptable to this Meeting — and the Committee that served the last year, are continued in the one ensuing.

We adjourn to the hour at which the men may meet to-morrow.

5th day morning — — — meet at the 9th hour.

The Representatives being called, are present except one.

Essays of Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia. North Carolina. London. and New-York, have been read, and with a few amendments, approved and signed. —

The Committee to prepare enclosures, presented them at this time, which being satisfactory were signed.

A Memorial from Rhode-Island Monthly Meeting concerning our deceased friend Samuel Thurston: and one from Swansea respecting our ^{ancient} friend Jonathan Grace, have been read at this time, to our comfort & encouragement.

The following communication to the Monthly Meeting of Women Friends at Buckingham, Bucks County - Pennsylvania, was prepared, approved & directed to be signed on behalf of this meeting viz: —

To Buckingham Monthly Meeting.

We have to inform you, that Martha Smith (who we understand is a member of your Meeting) has attended this Meeting without any testimonial from you, of her right of membership; and having introduced her opinions, views, and sentiments, our Representatives advised her, and demonstrated with her in the unappropriateness of her conduct, and remained advised her, up to the last three days, of the meeting, in silence, but without any good effect: and with a view to preserve the order, which we believe Truth requires, we were under the necessity of taking measures to prevent her entering the doors, during two evenings.

By direction, and on behalf of New-England
Society, meeting of Women Friends held at Stratford on Rhode Island
by appointment from the 12th of 6th mo: to the 15th of the same
inclusive 1826.

John - Penn - Dec.

The original Enunciation to the Garrison
Meeting of Women Friends was also prepared, and directed
to be printed & circulated.

To New York Monthly Meeting of November 1838.
We have to inform you, that Jacob Johnson (whom
we considered to be a member of our Meeting) has
attended this Meeting, without any disqualification
from you, or in right of membership, and having

and having interrupted the solemnity thereof by introducing
views, and sentiments, unwelcome, and unseasonable, as repre-
sentatives visited her, and remonstrated with her on the impropri-
ety of her conduct; and tenderly advised her to come to her
own mind, as to the evidence; and to be true to the great
fact; and with a view to measure the order, which we
true Truth requires, we were under the necessity of taking
measures to prevent her entering the doors, during two
sittings.—

By direction and on behalf of New-England
Loving Friends, I have the honor to inform you that on
Rhode Island, by adjournments from the 1st of the 6th Month,
to the 15th of the same inclusive 1826.

Ruthy Rodman Clerk.

We have been favoured at this time with much in-
struction and deeply interesting counsel; showing us believe
through rightly qualified instruments: 'The Truth has
justly been compared to the "seamless garment, woven
throughout"; teaching us (as we keep under its binding
influence) to "walk by the same rule—and to mind the
same thing".

A good counsel has been given that the Disci-
pline must be strictly enforced—it being placed as a hedge,
between us, and the many temptations to falling away, to
discourage superficial attachments from those who have de-
voted themselves to Society, either by going out in marriage,
or on other occasions; warning that if we relax in our case, to
suffer our testimonies, precious things will relax in truth,
and prevent our becoming, (as we believe we were designed to be)
a "City set on a hill".

Our beloved Young Sisters have been tenderly ad-
monished to avoid the perusal of unwholesome Books, &c. &c. some-
times introduced with correct sentiments, as their general tendency,
is to enervate the mind—to dissuade it in various readings, or
pursuits, production of cold ideas; and in exciting the soul to
imaginations, instead of an earnest view of the soul's condition
lead to disappointment and unbelief. — it has also been

impressively recommended to cultivate an intimate acquaintance
 with the Scriptures, and with the writings of our ancient Teachers,
 as tending to promote that seriousness, which is consistent with
 accountable beings: far from discouraging the cultivation
 of our talents— we have been advised to esteem them a divine
 gift— a gift, not at our own disposal, but entrusted to our
 charge— so to be improved, as shall most redound to the
 honour of our heavenly Father— and most highly contribute
 to the true happiness of our fellow-creatures— Time, is not ours!—
 and the concerned mind will hold in remembrance, that an
 account is to be render'd at a future period, for every mispent
 hour. . . We have also been reminded of the necessity of
 "tuning the heart with all diligence"— as out of it are the "issues
 of life"— remembering, that "in the fear of the Lord, there is
 strong confidence— and his Children shall have a sure place
 of refuge"— and by abiding here, there will be no void, re-
 quiring the amusements of the world, nor any place for
 its vanities; as all the gifts which a merciful Creator hath
 bestow'd upon us, will be rightly directed; and a desire of doing
 good to all, will stimulate to acts of kindness, and benevolence,
 to the afflicted— and of endeavouring to instruct the igno-
 rant:— Thus will the talents and leisure, which which we
 have been entrusted, be devoted to the service of the Great Giver;
 and thereby his gracious purposes to our own souls, be
 advanced. All who would be "made perfect through
 Christ Jesus, our Lord"— must submit, to the "power of the
 Cross"— This power is not always exercised on things of appa-
 rent magnitude; it often consists in the renunciation
 of little things: it is frequently in our families, and among
 our friends, that the sacrifice may be made: if it restrains
 an unkind word— or even an angry look— it is an
 offering acceptable in the Divine sight. The operation
 of the Spirit of Truth, will banish from the mind, levity,
 and empty mirth, but promotes innocent cheerfulness:
 and as the cultivation of the heart, consists in the
 refining influence of Religion operating in the mind;
 in order to co-operate therewith, we should lay aside
 such pursuits as give rise to ideas of our own excel-

lence, or create the emotion of vanity. —

The subject of simplicity, and consistency, in dress and deportment, has claim'd our attention at this time; and the exhortation of the Apostle,* has been pertinently received —

"Let not your adorning, be the outward adorning, of plaiting the hair — or wearing of gold, or putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible — even the ornament of a meek, and quiet spirit — which is, in the sight of God, of great price". —

The reading of the Holy Scriptures, daily, in a collective capacity in our families hath been particularly recommended; from a belief, that such a practice would not only be strengthening to the hands of parents; but would also be a means of guarding the minds of children, and those placed under our care, against reading unprofitable publications. —

The Clerk is directed to forward Transcripts of the Epistles rec'd at this time, from other Yearly Meetings; together with some Extracts, from these Minutes, to our several Quarterly Meetings. —

We feel bound to acknowledge with gratitude that the several sittings of this meeting, hath been seasons of a renewal of strength: and with desires, that we may all endeavour to retain this feeling of gratitude, we conclude — intending to meet again, if permitted, at the usual time, and place, next year.

Sign'd on behalf of the Meeting.

by
Ruthy Rodman Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of the Friends at
 Mount Pleasant Ohio.

While acutely sensible of our own unworthiness, & accountability to address you dear Sisters, we feel bound to commemorate the continued labours of our heavenly Father, who hath been pleased to preserve us through the several visitings of his yearly meeting to now we humbly trust under the influence of his love, and we thereby have been enabled to attend to the concerns of Society, that have come before us, in harmony: and altho' weakness, and deficiencies still appear among us, yet we believe there is cause of encouragement to the humble devoted mind; and as there is a willingness, patiently to abide the day of trial, yielding to the humbling influence of our Father, dwelling love with the "pure seed of life", we shall not only witness the fellowship of the sufferings of our holy Redeemer, but in his own time, the power of his resurrection: and may we continue to stand firm, reinforcing our faith and confidence in Him who hath said - "Ye believe in God - believe also in me", and hereby be enabled to move in our allotted sphere of religious usefulness - knowing that "the work of righteousness, is peace; and the effect thereof, quietness, and assurance forever".

A tender solicitude has been felt, at this time for the beloved youth, before whose view the superior excellency of the truth as it is in Jesus, has been impressively set forth, & they invited to consider the importance of rightly improving the talents committed to them, tending we trust in some to "stir up the pure mind" & inciting this "gently vaccination", let others so as they may - as he me, I will serve the Lord -

2. We have had the company of Mr. & Mrs. May
meeting at our dear friends Elizabeth Benson
and Anna Beathwates, by whose religious ser-
vices we have been comforted and edified.

Signed on behalf of the meeting by
Wm. Rodman
Clerk.

To the dearly-remembered friends
in Indiana.

It is we trust in a measure of that love
which unites the living members of the same
family (however remote situated) in the bond of
gospel fellowship, that we are drawn thus to ad-
dress you; and altho' we have not received any
written communication from you dear sisters
at this time, some of our minds have been
turned feelingly to the remembrance of you,
accompanied with desire that an Epistolary
intercourse might be continued "not in the
oldness of the letter", but in the "simplicity of
life", and in the "demonstration of the spirit
and power", and we thereby be favoured to wit-
ness & bring our another's helper, and burden-
bearer in the Lord; and thus be mutually strength-
ened & enabled to stand firm as those having
their "loins girded about", and their lamps burning;
and we believe that by frequently retiring to the precious
principle in our own minds, we are favoured to feel an
humble silent travail for the preservation* of the great
and good cause; and when trials assail, may we
look with entire reliance unto Christ the great head
of the Church, who will lead us safely along, and be
a shield from the sun and from the storm, and teach

* error - it should be promotion

us to distinguish his voice from that of a stranger
and give us humbly to believe that we are of the
"one fold" of which he is the "contending shepherd."
by continuing unto the end, have hope that eternal
life will be ours. —

We have at this time renewedly felt a lively interest, a tender solicitude for the encouragement of our beloved young sisters; many of whose minds we believe have been deeply impressed with a renewed visitation of divine love; & under its holy influence have been induced to leave the "slitting of a mark and quick spirit" than that of "slaying the hair, or putting on or a'band": and dear young friends, as our progress in the way to the kingdom of heaven is greatly aided by maintaining an habitual quietude of mind, whatever may be our outward circumstances in life; not by a disuse talents intrusted to us, nor by a state of indifference; but by having our thoughts brought "into captivity to the obedience of Christ," the only sure refuge, and resting place of the righteous; let us then be engaged by "watchfulness unto prayer", earnestly to seek after a settlement upon this rock; a stability in the truth, from which we may not be shaken, and by greater devotedness of heart to the service of Him, who is the author of all our blessings, be strengthened to pursue the path of Christian obedience.

We have through divine help been enabled to ^{attend} the business that has come before us, in harmony, and love: and have at this time been favoured with the acceptable company of Elizabeth Wilson, and Anna Burthwaite from England, whose gospel labours, and religious services among us have been truly acceptable, and strengthening.

Signed on behalf of the Authors - by
Wm. H. Wickham Esq.

Wm. F. B. B. B. B. B.

To the Young Men of Haverhill and Belton
 Dear Friends

We have gathered to commemorate the con-
 tinued goodness of Divine Providence in enabling us once more
 to meet together in this our annual assembly. By the ex-
 traordinary power of which both have caused to be here those of
 the Church, without whom no religious assembly can be so suc-
 cessfully performed; and under a humbling sense of the necessity of
 relying on this Holy Help and we believe in the past ex-
 perience that we have been enabled to attain to the same ends,
 viz. that we have come together at this time in harmony
 and love; and we trust it is in the renewed feeling of
 comfort that we are drawn thus to unite you here this
 day, desiring that it may be the concern of us all in discus-
 sions and in study, daily to seek an increase in the know-
 ledge of God, and of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, whom
 to know is the chief end of man's existence; and as we can do
 nothing that will redound to the glory of God, or be a means of
 our own preservation, but as we endeavor to live in His
 love, and abide under the guidance of His Holy Spirit
 which is sent to all His dependent children for their
 instruction, truth, and comfort; we shall know the fulfil-
 ment of this promise - "The hour will come when the Lord
 shall render their strength" - and those who shall have chosen
 never be confounded. - The present is a full time of ex-
 ercise and trial of faith to those who are bound to the
 Law, and to the testimony of truth; being deeply impressed
 with a sense thereof, let us be encouraged to look steadily
 to him who is "mighty in power, and excellent in work-
 ing", that thereby we may be as those whom, once more,
 from Isaiah by his prophet said "this people have sinned
 for myself; they shall show forth my praise" - this will
 our example be such as becomes goodly by which we may
 be enabled to adorn the doctrine of Christ Jesus our Lord,
 who has called us to be faithful in bearing the long and
 our testimony to the great truths of the Christian religion
 revealed to us by the spirit of God, through his beloved Son

unto whom we hath committed all judgment. — For
all men should honour the Son, even as they honour
the Father" — May we men adhere to that blessed
principle of strength and wisdom, manifested in
our hearts, that through a strict adherence thereto,
we may be enabled to say — "I will trust and not be
afraid; for the Lord Jehovah, is my strength and my
song — he has also become my salvation;" — we are
comforted in the belief, that there are many with
you and us who are engaged to bear the burden of
the day, and who have been preserved steadfast in
the faith once delivered to the saints."

Your acceptable Epistle of last year has been
read at this time, to the edification and confirmation
of many minds.

We have at this time been favoured with
the company of our beloved Friends Elizabeth Wilson
and Anna Braithwaite from England; whose joyful
labours & religious services amongst us, have been
very edifying, and strengthening to our minds.

With the salutation of love, we bid you farewell.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting, by
Rufus Edman Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting of Women-Friends at
North Carolina.

Dear Sisters

Under a humbling sense of our inability
thus to salute you, we are much encouraged in believing
that our strength is only perfected through weakness, and an
entire reliance upon him that "giveth power to the faint,"
and "increaseth strength to them that hath no might,"
and by the extendings of his power, and divine aid, which
has been felt to near during the several sittings of this
yearly meeting, we have been favoured harmoniously to
attend to the weighty concerns of Society, that have claimed
our attention at this time: Therefore may we dear Friends

be encouraged to persevere in our Christian course with stability and confidence, keeping our eye single to the Captain of the soul's salvation, who deigneth to lead his humble followers safely in the tribulated path to the kingdom of Heaven: how doth our divine Master mercifully regard his flock; and at seasons, water his heritage, that none may be dismay'd even when encompass'd with affliction: therefore may we be prevented from the necessary baptism allotted us, but be willing to keep under the refining power of Truth, believing that in the Lord's own time, he will, by the spirit & power of his dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, raise the poor from their low estate—"proclaim liberty to the captive, and open the prison doors to those that are bound, proclaiming the day acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all that mourn; to appoint unto them, beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness"

And for the beloved youth, both with you & us, a tender solicitude hath been felt that they may be induced to yield implicit obedience to the persuasive language of divine love; and however small the requisitions may appear in their view, if with-held, will prove like the "little foxes, that spoil the tender vines".

Our minds have been led at this season, into very tender sympathy with you under your peculiar trials respecting the souls of colour, whose sufferings have drawn forth feelings of deep commiseration; not only from those of the more experienced, but even down to the tender youth, many of whom we believe have mingled in the same feeling, and are favoured at this time to see, the superior excellence of the Truth as it is in Jesus.

We have had the Company at this time of our beloved friends Elizabeth Robeson, and Anna Pratts-wait by whose Gospel labours and religious services we have been comforted & edified.

With the salutation of love, we remain
your friends. Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Ruthy Peckham Clarke.

To the Quarterly Meeting of Christian Friends
in London.

Dear Friends.

In the renewed extensions of the Faith-
ful One, we are induced to address you, having abun-
dantly cause to believe, that as we are concern'd to
to wait for divine direction, we shall experience
the sensible influence of the Spirit of Truth, where-
by we may be helpful one unto another in an epis-
tolar correspondence; and as we are unitedly engaged
in the one good cause, we may participate in a living
interest, a fellow-feeling with each other: and we are
amused in believing that many are increasingly
engaged to unite in supporting the testimonies of
Truth; and we desire to be preserved "steadfast in the
Faith" once deliver'd to the saints; confiding in that
power which alone can build up, and establish on the
immutable Rock, Christ Jesus, the hope of glory, against
which, nothing has been able to prevail; and the eye
being single to whole body, will be full of light, &
thus the enemy in his varied transformations may
be seen & avoided, and the humble devoted mind
be confirmed, that "the name of the Lord, is a strong
tower, into which the righteous run and are safe";
having to experience, that "his arm is not shortened,
that he cannot save; neither his ear grown heavy,
that he cannot hear": in infinite love, he hath engaged
a living remnant, in the day of his power to stand as val-
liants promoting his cause, by publishing the glad
tidings of the Gospel, accompanied with the "demon-
stration, and power of Truth."

We humbly trust that under the gath-
ering influence of ancient goodness, we have been fa-
vour'd at this time to transact the weighty concerns
of Society that have come before us, in harmony
and love; and have cause to acknowledge, that
"hitherto, the Lord hath helped us."

To the Special Meeting of Women, Friends and
 others, York.

Dear Sisters,

Under an humbling sense of Divine grace
 now fully extended, we are engaged to offer you
 the substance of what has been said, and can acknowledge, that
 though unspeakably many, the several sittings of this our
 annual assembly, have been deeply interesting instruction
 seasons, wherein the weighty affairs of Society have been
 conducted in much harmony and Christian con-
 sideration: the state of Society has claimed the special
 attention of this meeting, and much living counsel,
 and encouragement has flowed freely amongst us;
 many minds have been measurably introduced into
 a feeling, that beareth for the "possibility of lives, and
 the enlargements of the Kingdom": that the "mercies may
 be comforted: - that the poor, may be satisfied with
 bread: - that the gold may not become dross, nor the
 most fine gold in any wise tarnished, by our with-
 drawing from, or slight estimating those accounts
 Christian testimonies, which our Lord Jesus Christ
 is now - so deeply, and so patiently, to promulgate
 and preserve; "counting nothing too dear, or too dear
 to take with, for Christ's sake, nor their own lives
 dear unto themselves," that they may be "blessed and
 come with joy": - may those both with you, and us,
 who are submitting to the Cross of Christ, be encour-
 aged to endure the trials of this day with meekness
 and patience as those who wait for the coming of
 our Lord, who will "proclaim liberty to the captive,
 and open the prison doors to them": that they are bound
 whereby they may be favoured to "in the travail of
 their souls and be satisfied": have we not cause
 to fear, that the many painful deficiencies appa-
 rent among us, have arisen from a departure
 from the faith as it is in Jesus; and the consequent
 confusion of known duties; the wholesome restraints

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This was as an hedge which there is thrown down;
the testimonies of truth laid waste - and their hab-
itation rescues the "wretched nation that dwelt in
darkness and shadow, having neither gates nor bars, and were
thus prepared for spoil". -

Your Epistle of the present year was
received, and was truly acceptable to us.

The Company of our beloved friends Eliza-
beth Dobson and Anna Brinkley both have
been truly acceptable, and their Gospel labours, edifying
and strengthening to us at this time, together with
much praise from other yearly meetings.

We conclude, and remain your friends & sisters.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,
Fanny Robinson Clerk

1826.

At a Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport on Rhode-Island for New-England by adjournments from the 13th to the 14th of 6th Monthly 1827.

Met agreeable to the conclusion of last year, and after a season of solid retirement, proceeded to business.

By the accounts from the Quarterly Meetings constituting this, it appears that the Representatives from each, are as follows. viz: - For Rhode-Island. Mary Spencer. Mary A. Collins. Elizabeth Congdon. Ruth Buffington. and Mary G. Anthony. For Salem. Ruth Bassett. Avis Kime. Alice Chase. and Elizabeth Budd. For Sandwich. Sarah Tucker. Susan Howland. Elizabeth Mitchell. Mary Card. Elizabeth Trip. Martha Bowman. Rhoda Howland and Susanna Gardiner. For Smithfield. Elizabeth Smith. Mary B. Allen. Alice Watson. Rachel Fry jun: and Elizabeth Bowen. For Taunton. Thankful Toubey. Phoebe Cobb. Eunice Jones. and Anna Quinlan. For Walsborough. Eunice Stewart. Sarah Pope. and Hannah Gifford. For Dover. Elizabeth Medea. Sybil Jenkins. Hannah Buffum. and Phoebe Medea - who being called are except Mary Spencer and Phoebe Medea, for whose absence, satisfactory reasons were assign'd.

The accounts from the Quarterly Meetings have been read at this time, and we have therefrom obtained the following information, viz: - that Rhode-Island Quarter has united with Rhode-Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hannah Almy to the station of an Elder, and in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Mary Hicks: with Providence Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Lydia C. Smith; and with East-Greenwich Monthly Meeting in that of Phoebe Congdon, to the place of Elders. This Sandwich, has united with New-Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth Wootch to the station of an Elder, and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Sarah Davis: with Nantucket Monthly Meeting in appointing Rachel Swain, to the place of an Elder; and with New-Bedford Monthly Meeting in disapproving the public appearances in the ministry of Experience Sherman: that Walsborough has united

with that Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Abigail Nichols and Hannah Gifford; and with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Sophia Jones, and Rachel Jones, to the station of Elders.

We have received at this time a joint Certificate on behalf of our Friends George & Ann Jones, from the Monthly Meeting of Harley in Cheshire, held at Stockport the 22^d of 2^d month, endorsed by the Quarterly Meeting of Cheshire and Staffordshire, held at Stockport the 9th of the 3^d month 1826; together with one from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers, and Elders held in London by adjournments on the 22^d and 23^d of the 5th month and on the 2nd of the 6th month, of the above said year; each containing feeling expressions of sympathy and unity with them in their arduous engagements, in this land.

Our beloved friend Anna Braithwaite being again acceptably with us, produced the Certificates, as mention'd on our minutes of last year, with additional endorsements thereon, from Kendal Monthly Meeting, held 2nd of 1st month, and from Westmorland Quarterly Meeting, held at Kendal the 5th of the 1st month, together with a Certificate from the morning meeting of Ministers and Elders, held in London, the 12th of the 3^d month 1827, all containing expressions of unity and tender sympathy with her, in her important engagements on this Continent.

A Copy of a minute from New-York Monthly Meeting of Friends, dated 5th month 2^d 1827, on behalf of our beloved friend Elizabeth Coggeshall, was presented & read: also one from Purchase Monthly Meeting concerning our beloved friend Phoebe Griffin, dated 9th of the 5th month of the present year.

A Certificate was likewise presented, and read, on behalf of our beloved friend Joanna Medow, from Starksborough Mo: Meeting; endorsed by the Quarterly Meeting of Fenistburgh, held 10th of 5th month of the present year: and one from Buck Mo: Meeting concerning our beloved friend Sarah M. Upton dated 18th of 5th month - all of whom, are now acceptably with us.

A Copy of a minute was also rec^d relative to our esteemed friend Catharine W. Morris, from Philadelphia Monthly Meeting of Friends; expressive of her willingness to accompany our beloved friend Ann Jones in her visit to this Yearly Meeting, and of the unity of her friends therein.

We adjourn to the 4th hour this afternoon.

2nd day afternoon. - met, agreeable to adjournment.

The Representatives having met, and deliberated on the subject of Clerks, reported, that they were united in purchasing the re-appointment of Wmth Rodman, and Hannah Gould jun: which being considered, is united with and they accordingly appointed to that service.

Acceptable Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London, Philadelphia, Indiana, and New-York, have been read at this time.

Hizail Arnold. Ruth Trubon. Mary A. Robinson. Susan Howland. and Hizail Price, are appointed to prepare endorsements to place on the Certificates and Minutes of those friends who are now acceptably with us, from their Yearly Meetings.

The subject of addressing our beloved Sisters of distant Yearly Meetings, having claimed our solid attention at this sitting, we have appointed our Friends, Elizabeth Barker. Betsey Purinton. Susan Howland. Iris Kane. Deborah Ois. Mary B. Allen. Alice Rathbone. Mary Card. Mary W. Hazard. Patience Earl. Sarah Tucker. Lydia Breed. Elizabeth Mitchell. Hannah Arnold. and Ruth Bassett, to prepare Essays (if way should open in the Truth) to such of those Meetings as they may feel engaged to address, and produce them at a future sitting.

We adjourn to the hour, at which the men's meeting may conclude to meet to morrow.

3rd day afternoon. - met at the 3rd hour.

The Queries have been read, together with Answers thereto from our several Quarterly Meetings; and the painful deficiencies, through this medium presented to our view, hath had a tendency to introduce the minds of the exercised amongst us, into a state of mourning; and we

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have been feelingly encouraged to an increased watchfulness, in order that our several testimonies may in future, be more faithfully maintained. Lydia C. Smith. Elizabeth King. and Abigail Price. are appointed to prepare a Summary and present when ready.

Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Baltimore, Virginia. Ohio. and South Carolina have been read at this time.

We adjourn to the hour at which our Min. Friends may meet to-morrow.
4th day, -- met near the 10th hour.

The General Printed Epistle of 1826, replete with sound doctrine, important admonition and reasonable counsel, has been read at this time, to our comfort and encouragement.

The subject of addressing by an Epistle, our subordinate Meetings, having been feelingly introduced, and solidly considered we have appointed our friends Mary Laver. Abigail Robinson. Mary W. Allen. Susan Howland. Alice Robinson. Deborah Otis. Betsey Whinston. Abigail Price, and Ann Stone. to that service.

Mary A. Robinson, and Elizabeth Parker, are appointed to prepare a Certificate for our beloved friend Elizabeth Hobson, and produce at a future sitting.

We adjourn to the hour that our min friends may meet this afternoon.
4th day afternoon. -- met at the 4th hour.

The following Report of the Boarding School Committee was read, and is acceptable to this meeting; and after considering the subject, it is concluded to continue to the service the Committee that served the last year.

"The Yearly Meeting Boarding School Committee Report:

That they have given their attention to the concerns of the Institution, during the past year, and it is satisfactory to them to be able to state in the Yearly Meeting,

that it continues to afford an encouraging prospect of usefulness to the Society.

The School is still continued under the care of Enock and Lydia Brad, as Superintendants. David Jones, David Davies, George Jones, Abigail Pearce and Mary May are employ'd as Teachers. The average number of scholars in the year past, has been one hundred and ten. Meetings for Worship have been regularly held, and have frequently been attended by some of the Committee. The family has been preserved in harmony, and the general conduct and improvement of the children have been satisfactory.

The account of the Treasurer of the benevolent fund has been received and audited. The receipts for board and tuition, together with the income of the fund, have proved about equal to the expenditure. It is again concluded to admit one child from each Monthly Meeting, six months, or two children, three months each, free of expense, provided their term be accomplish'd within the year succeeding the Yearly Meeting.

The Yearly Meeting having received the addition of sum of fifty thousand dollars, the annual income of which was bequeathed for the benefit of this Institution, by our late friend Benjamin Brown, we have concluded to propose to the Yearly Meeting, that children who are members of this Yearly Meeting, be admitted after the first of January next, at fifteen dollars per quarter; and that the Committee consider such surplus as may remain, to be at their disposal in aid of the charitable fund of the Society, having a particular regard to the poor and distressed members.

We are desirous that it may be generally understood, and particularly by the Committee of Monthly Meetings, that applications for the admission of children who are members of our Society, must be made to the Acting Committee, at Providence, and that all applications for the admission of boys who are members, above the age of fourteen years, must be made to the same Committee (which meets at the

several weeks in of business in an office, by not being
the same with day in each month.)

The aim is to be able, again to re-
attract the attention of parents, and others having the care of Chil-
dren, and to the Committee of Men and Women Friends, the pre-
vious advice of this Committee as to interesting subject
of children, and particularly on children accompanying
our Report in 1825 which were printed & distributed by
direction of the Yearly Meeting.

Sign'd on behalf of the Committee.

Moses Brown.

Mary A. Robinson.

The Joint Committee of Men and Women Friends were at
present to visit at Reading and at other meetings were
belonging submitted the following

Report

Dear Friends "The Joint Committee of Men and Women Friends,
appointed in 1825 and continued for year, to visit the subordinate
Meetings having finished and to offer such advice and encourage-
ment to them as may might seem best, report, that a num-
ber of the Committee have at different times attended to the
object of their appointment, have visited all of our Quarterly,
and several of the Monthly and particular meetings, and labour-
ed therein as ability was afforded for the promotion of truth,
and for the right order of things among us; which visits have
been well accepted by our Friends, where they have been made."

On behalf of the Committee.

Rowland Green.

Annab's Dennis.

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which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and
believing that usefulness will result from a further extension of
labour, we have appointed Deborah C. Smith, sister, Lydia
Wood. Hannah Gould, Jane and Susan Garrison, & being

* (other, it ought to be.

forward the names of some suitable persons to unite with a committee that may be appointed in the Men's Meeting.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Summary from the Answers to the Queries, produced one at this time which was read, approved, and is as follows, viz -

"It appears from the accounts from our several Quarterly Meetings, that at our meetings, both for Worship, and Discipline have been attended, except a few small ones, for Worship, which was occasion'd by inclemency of weather, and indisposition in friends families. Several meetings were in a measure in this important duty, particularly in the middle of the Week, for which, care has been extended. The hour, nearly observed. Friends mostly preserved from sleeping, and other unbecoming behaviour, when assembled.

Love and Unity appear in a good degree maintained by the greater part of our members, tho' a different disposition is manifest in others: Schism generally guarded against; and where differences have arisen, care has been taken to end them.

Many are careful to educate their under their care in plainness: to restrain them from reading unsuitable publications, to guard them against the corrupt conversation of the world, endeavouring to be good examples themselves; yet a deficiency is apparent in others, and our ancient Christian testimonies respecting plainness in its several branches are not maintained as our profession requires: The Holy scriptures are frequently read in most friends families, but not so frequently by all as would be profitable. Care is extended in each society.

Friends appear generally careful, to avoid the unnecessary use of spirituous liquors. Several instances of attending places of public resort, and some care taken.

The circumstances of the poor are inspected, and their necessities relieved: the education of their children attended to. One instance of being placed from among friends.

There appears to be a care with most, that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline. Several instances of going out in marriage. Care has been bestowed.

Friends manifest a care to bear our testimony

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against the several particulars contained in the 7th Query.
8th Query in the 8th Query.

Some deficiency as respects Records and Certificates.

Some care taken to deal with Offenders as
queried after, yet we are sensible of the necessity of
more timely and extensive labors, that judgment may
be used where necessary."

On the subject of outgoings in marriage, much ex-
ercise has been felt, and many reasonable and judicious re-
marks have been made; and we have been impressively warn-
ed of the disadvantages which result from Monthly Meetings
receiving superficial acknowledgments from those who trans-
gress the rules of Society.

We adjourn to the time at which our next business
may conclude to meet to-morrow.

5th day morning. . . Met at the 10th hour.

The Friends under appointment to select a
Committee to unite with one appointed by the Men's Meeting
for the purpose of visiting our subordinate meetings have
proposed Abigail Robinson. Hannah Dennis. Alice Northman.
Elizabeth Barker. Mary W. Allen. Susan Woodland. Alice Chase.
Elizabeth Wenz. Tim Keene. Rhoda Woodland. Sarah Tucker.
Hannah Pope. To unite with them and Ruth Raper, with
which nomination this Meeting united, and has accordingly
appointed them to that service for the present year.

Exposés of Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of New
York. Baltimore. Philadelphia. and North Carolina were
presented and read; and with some alterations, approved
and signed.

We adjourn to the 4th hour this afternoon.
5th day afternoon

Met agreeable to adjournment.

Exposés of Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of London.
Ohio. Indiana, and Virginia were read, and after some
small alterations were approved and signed.

A Certificate in behalf our beloved friend Elizabeth Watson was presented and read; and with some attention approved, and directed to be signed.*

A lively Memorial from the Monthly Meeting, London, concerning our late beloved friend at length, was read at this time.

The Friends appointed to prepare an Epistle to the Sunday & Monthly Meetings, presented the following, which was read and approved; and with some amendments of the London, Philadelphia, New York, Ohio, and Indiana Epistles are directed to be forwarded thereto.

Epistle.

From the Yearly Meeting of the same Friends, held at Bristol on the 10th of June, 1827, containing the following resolutions from the eleventh to the twentieth of the same month of the same year.

To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings first be saying, Dear Friends.

"During the several sessions of this Meeting, a due exercise and tension of spirit were kept up, and an invigorating force of truth, such as is seldom met with, was kept up expected on account of the various painful deficiencies that exist among us, yet as we are encouraged to believe, that the right spirit, by often waiting, and waiting upon the Lord, will be favoured not only with a renewal of their strength in time, but their spiritual eye be so much opened, that they will be enabled to see the various attacks and temptations of an ungodly enemy, and thus be enabled to resist them by the truth of the insinuations.

A letter from the Yearly Meeting, dated at Bristol, in the important station of another course of action have to struggle with many difficulties in the training of their servants, to raise us affectionately recommend the practice of abstinence from the Lord together with the wearing of the holy discipline, as they seem your hearts will be strengthened to bear up your own children in the way of truth, and to instil into their tender minds the principles of Christianity; this concern-

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may grow up in many instances to instrumental in
forming the very fabric of the soul, and impeding all the
wonderful workings of God's Spirit in the soul, and
making peace in their hearts. May you then, dear friends,
be diligent in your own hearts, and in the hearts of
the rest of life, as to be qualified to discover the first beginnings
of pride in your children, and by timely care guard
against taking undue notice, either in such a manner as to
imprudently abridging with the child, or as to influence
might have the least mind with the possibility of the child
being misled in some of the intimacies of the heart, and thus to
the danger of forming connections in the world that will be
the ruin of the child, and will be the ruin of the child, and
instead of their becoming the humble followers of a crucified saviour,
they may be in danger of embracing the principles of in-
fernal "kingdoms of the air," and counting the blood
of the covenant whereunto we are sanctified, an unholy thing.

To those who occupy the place of Overseers in our religi-
ous Society, the word of exhortation is - stand firm in the faith
once delivered to the saints. - Stand firm in the faith, and
which will enable you to discharge your important duties as
faithful watchmen on Zion's walls, and being the
answering of peace to your own minds in the midst of temptation,
and encouragement to others, and being the answer
to the many who are in the world, and the necessity of acting in right
direction, in making arrangements for the next year's
services in the Church, that so the seeds sown in the
earth, hidden under the surface, and the seeds of truth may
be discovered, and thus the harvest will be likely to be
reaped in glory, and may be the object of our encouragement
and prayer.

The diligent attendance of our religious
meetings, has been a subject of exercise at this time, and the
great disadvantage arising from allowing a society of this
to gain the ascendancy, so as to prevent this being
our constant duty, has been clearly and feelingly pointed out
in the sermon, and the necessity of being diligent in our
to encourage both fathers and daughters to an increased

attention here: if you are careful, dear sister, as to arranging your domestic concerns as to be satisfied in their results; and have your lot in a living, cheerful, holy, useful, and comfortable manner, which is your reasonable desire; every one who is so, will find it much a privilege to be so, and being so, as our Heavenly Father can be, that you stand in need of, you will experience an increase of strength to perform your daily duties in your families, and be preserved "Servant in spirit, serving the Lord."

We have been introduced into sympathy with those, who are bound to the cause of Truth, and are prevented by indisposition and other circumstances, from assembling with us, and at other times with their friends; and the language that arises to those is - "The same Lord over all, is rich unto all that put their trust in him". May you be faithful in maintaining an exercise of soul for the "justification of Life, and the enlargement of her borders", remembering that tho' your "arms be in secret, your Father who seeth in secret, will reward you openly". -

And dear young Friends, our hearts are enlarged in love to you: we give an earnest solicitude for your preservation in this day of peculiar danger. Give us entrance you to the restraining name of your Heavenly Father. Be watchful, and circumspect. It is by keeping on the watch that you will be enabled to detect the varied forms, ^{and Agitations} formations, of your soul's enemy, whereby your feet would be turned, out of the "way of life, and salvation". May you be concerned, especially to estimate the value of time, and not spend it in unprofitable company - conversation, or in the perusal of what are called "Novels", or other books, calculated to enervate the mind and lessen your love, and reverence for the Father of the Gospel, our Lord, and Saviour, Jesus Christ: - as care in these respects, becomes your individual concern we believe that the cause for which we are engaged, will be in your hands, and in the hands of others, who are engaged in the same cause.

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have at this time felt much solicitude on this account,
and believe it right to encourage our beloved children, in
their respective meetings, to maintain our testimony against
such a line of conduct, by watching over one another
in good, in Christian meekness, and firmness; and also
to be faithful in separating from our religious society, such
as prove by a step of this kind, that they do not prize the
privileges of membership; nevertheless, cherish in them
every indication of real concern, and desiring their return
on the right ground alone - that of true conversion -
from principle."

On behalf, and by direction of the Meeting,
aforesaid..

Ruth Redman - Clerk.

We have abundant reason to record with
feelings of gratitude, that the several sittings of this
yearly Meeting, have indeed been seasons of living favour:
much instructive, and deeply interesting counsel has
freely, and with gospel authority, been imparted to the
several classes in Society; and with desires that the
quits thereof, like "head cast upon the waters," may
be "found after many days, we conclude, intending, if
permitted, to meet again at the usual time and place,
next year.

Sign'd on behalf of the Meeting

by
Ruth Redman Clerk

From the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Newport on Rhode Island for New-England, by adjournments from the 11th to the 18th of 6th month 1827.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends at New-York.
Dear Friends.

It hath pleased our Heavenly Father, again to permit us to meet in a Yearly Meeting capacity; and we have during the several sittings thereof had cause to reasonably to acknowledge the continuance of his love towards us: seeing through divine favour been permitted to participate in the fellowship of the gospel: of that fellowship, a family bond in which our predecessors, who were valiant for the truth were comforted in the day of persecution and such trial, and which hath been a strength to the true believers from the earliest periods of the Christian Church: we therefore again feel encouraged to offer the salutation of our love, with desire that we may keep united one with another in Christ Jesus our Holy Lord, and by the cementing influence of this love be preserved steadfast in the Faith, once delivered to the saints, and strengthened to persevere in the culture of those testimonies and practices, to which Christian love gives rise and thus are the divine blessing freely bestowing that as we are engaged thus to do, we shall indeed be found to be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; and ready to be pursued within the big enclosure and stand as islands in the world.

And notwithstanding (dear sisters) many of our feel the present day, to be indeed "a day of trial and perplexity, and treading down"; a season in which deep discouragements prevail, yet may none cast away their confidence in our Holy Redeemer, who is said - "my grace is sufficient for thee, but continue firm in the belief, that He is a spirit of judgment, to them that sit in judgment," and "a buckler to all them that trust in him".

We desire that our beloved young Friends both men and women may be encouraged to keep an active interest in the very same generation, Christ Jesus, the

work of ages, and to unite in humble watchfulness for the
teachings of the heavenly instructor. Those engaged to pursue
the path of a true disciple, will through the goodness of the
Spirited be at times permitted to feel, that they are the objects
of his paternal regard; and from their own experience, know
an increase of true faith in the power and support of the Holy
Spirit; and thus be confirmed, that the tendering influence of
redemptive love, tho' undervalued by many, is above all things
precious. And may we all, dear friends be impressed with
the continued necessity of watchfulness unto danger, and of being
clothed with humility, "as with a garment"; and thereby be
qualified to witness evidences of Spirit, prevalent even in advan-
ced life, and the true assurance that a divine admittance will
be granted into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour,
Jesus Christ.

We have been favoured through the several sessions
of this Meeting, to attend to the concerns of Society that have
come before us, in harmony and love. Your acceptable prayer
of the present year has been read to the edification and
comfort of many minds.

We have had the Company of Mrs Jones
and Mrs Matthews from Great Brittain, whose joyful returns
have been animating and encouraging to us: several Ladies
from neighbouring Yearly Meetings are also acceptable
with us at this time.

Sign'd on behalf of the Meeting.
Ruth, Praman. Clerk

in the inner man, not only to resist the allurements of this world, the fashion of which passeth away, but also the enemy of all gods in his varied transformations; and through watchfulness to preserve us as devoted children, to come up to the help of the Lord, against the mighty; and surely know from experience, that the work of righteousness is peace and the effect thereof, quietness, and assurance forever.

We have been favoured at this time to harmonize in labour for the support of our Christian testimonies, and to attend to the concerns of Society, that have come before us to mutual satisfaction.

The German and Gospel labours of our beloved friends Ann Jones and Anna Braithwaite, from Great Britain, hath been particularly acceptable to us at this time.

With the salutation of love, we bid you farewell.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Wm. P. Redman Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends at Philadelphia.

Dear Friends.

Being again assembled for the purpose of transacting the weighty concerns of Society, we have gratefully to acknowledge that from meeting to meeting we have been permitted in some degree to surmount the staggering power of death, under which precious sowing much Gospel labour has flowed through qualified instruments, to our edification and comfort.

On a view of the state of Society, as exhibited by the Answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings, many sorrowful deficiencies are apparent, on which account the minds of many have been deeply pained & exercised: precept upon precept has been received, and we have been reminded of the necessity that there is for us, to be discerning in the root: may this be our sisters be the case, both with you, and us, that purity may be seen, consistent with our high and holy mission; that in this day of peculiar trial in the militant church, the spirit of power, and of love and of a sound mind may be found in very many.

The blessed Spirit has been abiding in the hearts of many an individual, and entering a full surrender of their hearts to the Holy unceasing Spirit of truth, which will lead and guide into all truth, and prepare the mind to bear testimony, that the words of the Lord, are words of promise, in all paths of life.

On hearing your acceptable Epistle of 4th Month last, our minds were introduced into sympathy; and desires raised on behalf of the rightly exercised; that they may hold on their way, under the consoling assurance, that whatever trials may be permitted to arise, either from without, or within, that He who first joins us to his people will never leave nor forsake us, but will be near to succour in the needful time, affording a comfortable evidence "That having loved his own, He loveth them unto the end."

We have had the company of our beloved Sisters Ann Jones and Anna Bickhurst from England, together with others from neighbouring Yearly Meetings, whose joyful labours have been truly acceptable to us.

With the salutation of love, we remain your friends and sisters.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Henry Rodman Clerk.

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To the Yearly Meeting of African-Saints at North-Carolina.

Dear Friends.

Under a degree of that influence, which we trust will enable us to confide in his help for a blessing upon our humble efforts, we acknowledge the receipt of your acceptable Epistle of 1st Month last, and humbly crave, that the channel of these communications may be kept open, under the guidance of that Power, which only can render them mutually comfortable, and strengthening to each other, or tend to encourage a patient waiting, and submission of our wills, to the Divine will; that under trying seasons, we may become refined, and purified, not only from the dross and sin, but from the "refining silver" — and so that the individual

engagement of each, with you and us, might be - let not thy
eye pity, neither thy hand spare until all that thy consciousness
is with, may be done away in us; that so our establishment may
prove to be upon the immutable Rock, Christ Jesus, our Lord.

We can cordially unite with you in ~~believing~~, that
if we in simplicity are engaged to follow the "footsteps of the flock, of
the companions of Christ" we shall be preserved in the hour of
temptation; and also in desire, that the dear youth, both with
us, and you, might be excited to greater diligence, and dedica-
tion of heart; that they may not lightly overlook the "day of small
things" - may remember the gracious promise, - "he that is faithful
in the little, shall be made ruler over more" - and then will never
have cause to regret the smaller sacrifice, that he requires at their
hands.

We have, through Divine favour, been enabled to attend to the
concerns of Society that have come before us, to our mutual comfort and
satisfaction.

The Company, and Gospel labours, of our beloved friends Ann
Jones, and Anna Braithwaite, from England, have been acceptable,
edifying, and strengthening to us at this time; together with the com-
pany and religious services of other friends from neighbouring Yearly-
Meetings.

Your expression of an increasing concern for the People of
Colony, in your land is grateful to us; - may you be favoured, tra-
ditionally to abide under the weight of this exercise, until it may please
the great Master, in his own time to open a way for their relief.
No room the truly exercised amongst you, feel the burthen to be heavy,
and your way to get men under it, raised up, by many difficul-
ties; increasing the degraded, and ignorant state, which these
oppressed People have been kept in from generation to genera-
tion; yet if we stand resign'd, faithfully attending to the pointing,
of best Wisdom. He who "suffers not a sparrow to fall to the ground, with-
out his notice, will not forsake this part of his workmanship. He
who deigns to hear the sighing of the poor in spirit, will re-
gard the honest endeavours of the rightly exercised amongst you,
and prosper his own work, in your hand, not failing to crown your
labours, with the reward of sweet peace.

On behalf of the Meeting. Ruth's Rodman Clerk.

**YEARLY MEETING
OF FRIENDS FOR NEW-ENGLAND,**

HELD ON RHODE-ISLAND, SIXTH MONTH, 1836.

THIS Meeting having become painfully aware, that there are in circulation among our members, various publications, purporting to be treatises upon, and expositions of the principles of our religious society, in various points of doctrine ; but which are unauthorised by the society, and which give unsound and unjust views of our Christian principles, and are calculated to lead the minds of the unwary away from the faith once delivered to the saints, and from a settlement in the blessed truths of the Gospel always most surely believed and professed by us as a people, have felt themselves bound again to declare their unshaken faith in the truths thus sought to be laid waste.

We have always believed, we have been unwavering in our acknowledgment and profession of the truths declared in the Holy Scriptures, respecting the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in the flesh, that "He was conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, lived and suffered in the world, went about doing good, enforced by his precepts and doctrines, the future rewards of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked, and by miracles, healing all manner of diseases and sickness among the people, he shewed forth his power, his goodness and his wonderful works among the children

“of men, and finally made an offering of himself on the cross, as a propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.”— And we are prepared to confess, that no other foundation can any man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ; or in the words of George Fox to the governor of Barbadoes, “This Jesus, who was the foundation of the apostles and prophets, is our foundation; and we believe there is no other foundation to be laid, but that which is laid, even Christ Jesus; who tasted death for every man, shed his blood for all men, and is the propitiation for our sins.” We have also been constant in the profession of our belief of the authenticity and divine authority of the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, and in accordance with the testimony of Robert Barclay, do freely confess, “that whatsoever doctrine is contrary unto their testimony may therefore be justly rejected as false.”— And further, in the words of the same writer, “We do firmly believe that there is no other gospel or doctrine to be preached, but that which was delivered to the apostles, and do freely subscribe to that saying, Let him that preacheth any other gospel than that which hath been already preached by the apostles, and according to the scriptures, be accursed.”

But while we have thus held and constantly professed, we have also been steadfast in our belief, according to the Scriptures, that this blessed Saviour appears in our hearts by his Spirit, according to his own testimony before he ascended to the glory

which he had with the Father before the world was: "I will not leave you comfortless, I will come unto you." John xiv. 18.—And to the testimony of the apostle: "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." 2 Cor. iv. 6. And we have ever been concerned to direct all to the light of Christ in the secret of the soul, as that principle of Divine Life by which alone regeneration and sanctification are to be witnessed; by which alone our dark hearts can be illuminated, and we be made truly alive unto God. That while we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of our sins, and that those who were afar off are made nigh by the blood of Christ, we also firmly believe, that it is only through living faith in him that we can come to experience the blessed effects of what he has wrought out for us; and this faith is not of ourselves, it is the gift of God.

We are concerned renewedly to bear our testimony to the spirituality of the Christian religion, that as the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked, in our fallen and unregenerate estate, so it is in the heart that the work of grace must be experienced; and that in order thereto, we must submit to the cleansing operations of his Spirit there, become subject to his righteous government, and conformed to his holy will. Then indeed is he made unto us, "Wisdom and righteousness, and sanctification and redemption." 1 Cor. i. 30. It is only as we thus dwell under the influence of the Holy Spirit in

our minds, that we can experience any right qualification to labour in the blessed Master's cause; and may we all seek after and wait for the fresh puttings forth of this heavenly Guide, ever bearing in mind the declaration of Christ, "Without me ye can do nothing."

We are concerned to exhort all our members to seek a settlement in these everlasting truths, and avoiding all speculation, rather humbly pray for ability in meekness and simplicity to obey God's holy will. Avoid therefore, we beseech you, all unprofitable reading, and the reception of those unsound doctrines and sentiments which are now in circulation. Rather reverently read and meditate in the Holy Scriptures, with humble prayer to the Lord that he would open your hearts to receive and savingly apply the glorious truths of his gospel;—so shall you be made partakers of his salvation.

Beloved Brethren and Sisters, we have no new doctrines to offer, but we feel earnestly engaged to exhort all our fellow members to a careful observance of that solemn warning of our Lord and Saviour: "The time shall come when they shall say, Lo, here is Christ, or lo, he is there; go not after them."

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Yearly Meeting, by

ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, JUN. } *Clerks.*
HANNAH GOULD, JUN. }

B. T. CONGDON, Printer.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends in London, &c. &c. &c.

Dear Friends,

At the reading of your excellent Epistle to us, your many prayers as we are constrained to acknowledge are continued beyond our heavenly Father, in that He is pleased to pursue to us, that precious badge of discipleship, by which we may well become in the acknowledgment that "He is good, and His mercies, new every morning": and we consider it a favour, that demands our thankfulness, that the channel of epistolary intercourse has been so preserved, that when we read communications from our beloved ones, we see abun- dantly the evidence of Christian love towards them, and our hearts are animated and strengthened thereby; and we are led to see a renewed belief, that the Lord hath not forsaken His people, but that He is still the sure refuge of the faithful: and altho' we are aware that bonds and afflictions await the exercised traveller yet we desire to bow low, and patiently to endure the necessary baptisms, by which we may become so reduced, as to know our wills subjected to the will of our Divine Master, who will in his own time, establish us on the right foundation. Christ Jesus, our Lord.

For the beloved youth, our hearts have been introduced into a feeling of tender solicitude, that they may submit their hearts to the governing hand of Him, who continues to lead his dependent children in the way they should go; and as they are willing to be taught of him, and patiently to abide the trainings of his holy hand upon them, that all the "cedars of Lebanon, and oaks of Bashan" may be laid low, we believe they will be clothed upon, and enabled to come up to the "help of the Lord, against the mighty"; affording to their elder friends, the animating hope, that a succession of standard-bearers, will be necessary, upon whom our testimonies will be upheld with faithfulness, and who will be enabled to withstand the assaults of the enemy of our peace, in his stratagems to destroy that precious faith in our Holy Redeemer, which is the foundation of our hope, and an anchor to the soul, both sure and steadfast.

We have had at this time the company of our beloved friends Ann Jones, and Anna Wainwright from your land; whose religious

services have been edifying, and strengthening to us: and we have been thankful that our Heavenly Father is graciously disposed to send forth faithful labourers into his vineyard, qualified to declare his counsels; to encourage the weak, and to administer consolation to the mourners in Zion.

This, our annual assembly has been large, and several beloved Sisters from neighbouring Yearly Meetings have been acceptably with us; we have been enabled to transact the concerns that have come before us, in much harmony.

With a salutation of love, we remain your Friends

Sign'd on behalf of the Meeting.

Ruthy Rodman-Clark.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women-Friends at Ohio.

Dear Sisters.

Our minds have been drawn to salute you at this time, we humbly trust in the renewed spring of Gospel love, that desires the preservation of all, in the Truth as it is in Jesus Christ our Lord, who died for us, that "those who live, should not henceforth live to themselves, but unto Him, who died for them", this being an express obligation in the new covenant dispensation, when He tasted death for us that we "henceforth should not live to ourselves but to Him who said - "His People have I formed for myself; they shall show forth my praise".

We have reverently to commemorate the unmerited mercy of our Holy Head in favouring us through the several sittings of this Yearly Meeting, with a precious sense of his baptizing presence, whereby a lively exercise, and much unity has been felt, in moving forward in the weighty service of these meetings; in which tender counsel, and deep instruction has freely flowed; we believe from the living spring, to the edification and encouragement of many amongst us: and some of our minds have been feelingly exercised with fervent desires, that the dear youth, both with you and us, may become willing in the day of the Lord's power, the season in which He is pleased to extend the visitations of His infinite mercy to their souls, to bow low in humble submission to the restraining power of the Cross of Christ; to be willing

to gild to its purifying operation in their hearts, that so, all in them, that stands opposed to the coming of the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, may be removed, that thus they may be prepared to come up in faithfulness and dedication of heart in the support of our various Christian testimonies, and to fill with true dignity the places of those who will doubtless ere long, be called from "works to rewards." Dear young friends, suffer us to entreat you, let word of exhortation to take place in your hearts, whilst we would impress on you, the blessed effects of a morning sacrifice, and an early acquaintance with the "fear of the Lord, which is indeed pure, and keeps the heart clean."

We acknowledge the receipt of your acceptable Epistle of 9th month last, the reading of which, has afforded a renewed evidence, that we are not a forsaken people; altho' instances of sorrowful departure from the pure principle of divine life, are manifest amongst us, whereby some of our precious testimonies are not so fully supported as becomes our high position, and would conduce to the advancement of Truth and Righteousness; yet we are encouraged to hope, that the labours of the rightly qualified, baptized servants whose company and Gospel labours we have been favoured with at this time, may excite in us a willingness to enter into the humbling process of self-examination, and to submit to the refining operation of that "Power which vivifies the precious from the vile."

With the salutation of love, we remain your friends, and affectionately bid you farewell.

By direction, and on behalf of the Meeting
Frederick Rodman Clark.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women-Friends at Indiana.

Dear Friends.

In the unmeasured extendings of the Father's love, we are induced to address you, having abundant cause to believe, that as we are concerned to wait for divine direction we shall experience the baptizing power of Truth, preparing us to be helpful one unto another, in an epistolary correspondence; and by the revival of that love, which is both ancient and new, we are at times enabled to enter into sympathy, and thus greet one another, saying, let us thank God, and take courage, believing "the name of the Lord, to be a strong tower" and his "law perfect". Altho' dear sisters, in this day of trial, in which the faith of many is nearly proved; and sorrow for a season may encompass the mind, yet we can say, let not the sincere, though afflicted be discouraged, for when through suffering we are established in faithfulness, there are times when we feel sweetened, serenely and peace; and can adopt the words of the Psalmist "Thou hast guided me with strength unto battle". Therefore may we endeavour to dwell near, and humbly trust in the blessed principle and power of Truth; looking steadily unto our holy Redeemer who is "able to save to the uttermost, all that come unto God, by Him": thus through watchfulness and prayer, our minds are at times sweetly refreshed with the Father's love, and made faithful unto every good ^{word} work.

We feel much solicitude on accounts of the young and rising generation, being aware of the many conflicts and doubtings which may disturb the youthful mind; to these, the counsel of truth is - be not moved by the reasonings of those who would "divide in Jacob, and scatter in Israel", but endeavour beloved young friends, to centre to the rock of divine life in your own minds; and be willing, reverently to wait in humble silence for the work arising of that Power, by which "life and immortality are brought to light" thus the blessing of preservation in the fear of the Lord, will rest upon you.

In the state of our society, at this time, these spiritual
 before us, and our attention turned to the different subjects
 through a degree of the solemnizing power of Divine love,
 have been left to us in relation to the support of the
 testimony of truth.

The reading of your acceptable Epistle
 of 10th month last, was to the comfort & encouragement of
 many minds.

We can acknowledge, & feelingly so, that
 the Company and Gospel labours of our beloved Friends
 Ann Jones, and Anna Braithwaite, from Great-Britain, with
 that of several Friends from different Yearly Meetings, on
 this Continent, have been truly acceptable to us at this time.
 With a recollection of love, we are your Friends.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
 Ralph W. Rodman Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends at Virginia.
 Dear Sisters.

It is we trust through the merciful extension of
 Divine regard, that we are again permitted to meet in a Yearly
 Meeting capacity, and notwithstanding we have had to mourn on
 account of the low state of society, in many instances, as noted in
 the answers to the queries, from the different Quarterly Meetings,
 yet from the precious covering which we have been permitted to
 feel, during the several sittings, we have been strengthened in
 belief, that the great Head of the Church hath not forgotten us,
 but is pleased in his wondrous goodness at times to "rise as with
 healing in his wings", and through adorable mercy, to be unto us, as
 a "Pillar of Cloud by day; and a Pillar of Fire by night": thus He designs
 to lead safely, those who humbly trust in Him, who remaineth to be
 our Holy Redeemer.

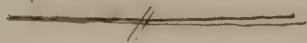
Some of our minds have been drawn in tender
 sympathy, to greet our Sisters who have "borne the burden and heat
 of the day", from a belief, that their minds have been often depressed,
 from a feeling of their own weakness, and a sense of the seasonal
 departures from ancient simplicity in our religious society; may then,

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by continued watchfulness unto prayer, be enabled to endure the
remaining trials through time, and being preserved in liveliness, and
muckness of spirit, be found worthy to enter into that rest, "prepared
for the people of God": and may these, by their example, say to those in
similar life - "Follow us, as we have endeavored to follow Christ": may
even in this description be encouraged to "hold fast the profession of our
faith, without wavering" - that "faith, which works by love, to the purify-
ing of the heart".

The Company and Gospel labours of our esteemed friends
Ann Jones, and Anna Beathwaite from Great Britain have been truly
acceptable and edifying to us at this time, as has also been that of
some other Friends from neighbouring Yearly Meetings.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,
Ruth Woodman Clerk.

1827.



To the Monthly Meeting of Hardshawurst: The Quarterly Meeting
of Lancashire; and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders
held in London.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Robson having attended
our Yearly Meeting in 1824, with Certificates from the Monthly Meeting
of Hardshawurst held at Liverpool, the 4th of 3 mo: endorsed by the Quarterly
meeting of Lancashire held at Manchester the 10th of 3 mo; together with one from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers
and Elders held in London by adjournments on the 17th, 18th, 19th, and 21st of 5th month 1824.

We feel engaged to certify, that her Gospel labours, both at that season; and her subsequent
religious services, within the compass hereof, both with friends, and others were strengthening to the living
exercised amongst us; her ministry and doctrine being sound and edifying, evidently bearing the im-
pression of truth; and that her conversation and demeanour were becoming the dignified character of a Minister
of Christ. . . We affectionately desire, if consistent with the Divine will, that when her services in
this land are fully accomplish'd, she may be favoured to return to her family and friends
and be permitted to reap the reward of Peace.

By direction and on behalf of New England Yearly Meeting of Friends
held at Newport on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 11th of the 6th Mo
to the 14th of the same inclusive. 1827.

Abraham Sherman Jun^r Clerk.
Ruth Woodman, Clerk.

In a Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Newport on Rhode Island, for New England, by adjournments from the 16th of the 6th Month to the 20th of the same, inclusive 1820.

Not agreeable to the conclusion of last year, and after a season of retirement, proceeded to business.

By accounts from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the representatives therefrom, are as follows viz:- For Rhode Island Lydia "Bird. Abigail Therman. Elizabeth Reynolds. Mary Dockray, and Mary Thove the 2^d. For Salem Samson Parinton. Mary Chace. Hannah Collins. Sarah Thompson, and Cornelia Page. For Sandwich, Elizabeth Mitchell. Mary Card. Sylvia Grinnell. Sarah Tucker. Deborah Otis. Huldah Gifford. Lydia Barker. Alice Rogers. & Anna Maccumb. For Smithfield Lydia Gates. Rachel Earl. Elizabeth Osborn. Lydia W. Coe. and Alice Rathbone. For Salsmouth, Mary Read. Abigail Davis and Sarah Tuttle. For Walsalborough, Caroline Goby, Eunice Nichols, and Sarah Howland. For Dover, Phebe Bedea. Sybil Jenkins, and Abby D. Arnold, who being called, are present, except Samson Parinton, who was prevented attending by indisposition.

Accounts from the Quarterly Meetings have been read at this time, and have furnished us with the information that Rhode Island Quarter has united with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Anna Thove to the place of an Elder; and that Sandwich Quarter has united with that Monthly Meeting, in appointing Mary King to that station.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Robson being with us at this time produced the Certificates, as recorded on our minutes of 1826 - her Company together with that of our beloved friend Anna Braithwaite is particularly acceptable to us.

A Certificate on our behalf of our ^{beloved} friend Hannah Hartshorne, from the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Fairbury / New Jersey / dated 6th mo. 4th 1820 was presented & read: also a Copy of a minute from Burlington Monthly Meeting, concerning

our beloved friend Mary Atkinson, who has accompanied our friend Anna Braithwaite in her visit to us at this time.

We have received acceptable Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London. Philadelphia. New York. Ohio. Indiana. North Carolina and Virginia, the three former having been read at this sitting, to our comfort & encouragement.

We adjourn to the hour at which the men's meeting may conclude to meet this afternoon.

2 day afternoon - met at the 4th hour.

The Representatives reported that they were united in proposing the re-appointment of the Clerks that served the last year, which being satisfactory to the meeting, they are accordingly appointed to the service.

The Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Ohio. Indiana. North Carolina and Virginia have been acceptably read at this time.

The subject of addressing those Yearly Meetings, from which we have received satisfactory Epistles having been introduced, and solidly considered, we have appointed Alice Bathbone. Hannah Collins. Sarah Tucker. Deborah Otis. Betsey Purinton. Mary B. Allen. Elizabeth Mitchell. Lydia Budd. Abigail Robinson. Elizabeth Wing. Mary Card. Abigail Sherman. Mary P. Hazard. Ruth Bassett. Lydia C. Smith. Lydia B. Coe. Mary Shove. Miriam Budd. Elizabeth Pukam. Mary Dockray. Rebecca Wing. Hannah Earl. Anna Dennis. Mercy Thayer. Sarah Russell. and Huldah Gifford to prepare Essays if way should open in the truth, and present them at a future sitting.

"We were informed by a message from the men's meeting that they had appointed a Committee to take into consideration the present state of Society, who are to report to this meeting at future sittings, such subjects as they may deem necessary to lay before it: - and we, after solidly considering the subject, and fully uniting therewith have appointed Sarah Tucker. Mary B. Allen. Hannah Dennis. Lydia Budd. Mary Card. Eunice Mitchell. Deborah Otis. Elizabeth Rogers. Hannah Collins. Abigail Rob.

ansow. Betsy Durinton. Anne Macomber. Rhoda 69
Huckland. Mary Read. Ruth Bapst. Alice Rathbone. Car-
oline Tobey. Elizabeth Wing and Elizabeth Stitchell to
write with them, in this interesting and important
concern.

We adjourn to the 3rd hour to morrow afternoon
3rd day afternoon - - - Met agreeable to adjournment.

The Queries have been read, together with answers
therein from our several Quarterly Meetings - from these
Abigail Arnold and Eunice Kelley are appointed to prepare
a Summary and present when ready.

The "Boarding School Committee presented the
following Report viz:-

"That they have given their attention to the
concerns of the Institution during the past year, and feel en-
couraged to believe that the expectations of friends with regard
to its usefulness to the children and youth of our Society, will
be in good measure realized

The School is continued under the charge of Enock
and Lydia Budd as superintendants. - Sarah Jones. George
Jones. Moses Mitchell. Abigail Steves. Mary Allen. and
Lydia B. Allen as Teachers. The average number of Scholars
for the past year has been one hundred and twenty one: their
general conduct and improvement have been satisfactory to the
Committee. Meetings for worship have been regularly held, and
occasionally attended by some of the Committee. The family
has been preserved in a good degree of harmony.

The account of the Treasurer of the School Fund has been
received and audited; and the state of the Fund is such, that
the Committee think it safe to propose to the Yearly Meeting, that
Children who are members of this Yearly Meeting, be admitted
after the first of seventh month next, at twelve and a half
dollars per Quarter; and that the several Monthly Meetings have
the privilege of sending one child through the year, or two
children six months each, free of expense; and that should
any surplus remain, that the Committee may consider
it safe to appropriate, that it may be at their disposal in
aid of the charitable funds of this Institution.

The Committee feel it to be their duty again to recommend to Parents, and others having the care of Children, and to the Committees of Monthly Meetings, their previous advice on the interesting subject of plainness, and particularly the minutes accompanying their report in 1825 which were printed & distributed by direction of the Yearly Meeting."

Signed on behalf of the Committee
Moses "Brown . . .
Elizabeth " Congdon. }

Providence 5th mo: 2, 1828.

which is satisfactory to this meeting, and after a due consideration of the subject, we have concluded to continue to the service, those friends that honoured our Committee the last year

Sarah Davis and Mary P. Hazard are appointed to prepare endorsements to place on the minutes of our friends who are with us from neighbouring Yearly Meetings.

The London Printed Epistle of the last year, containing much important counsel, and seasonable admonition has been read, to our comfort, & we would hope, edification.

We adjourn to the hour at which our men friends may conclude to meet to morrow.

4th day afternoon - - met at the 3 hour

The Friends appointed to prepare a Summary from the answers, to the Queries, presented one, at this sitting, which was read, approved, and is as follows viz:

" Summary from the Answers.

It appears that there a number in each meeting who feel engaged for the regular and due attendance of all our religious meetings, and the support of good order when assembled - while a painful deficiency is manifest in others, in regard to this very important duty, particularly in the attendance of mid-week meetings: the extension of some care on the account is express'd. Some small meetings in a few instances have been omitted. A good degree of Love and Unity subsists in all our meetings; yet with sor-

now we observe that it is not maintained in that
manner that would effectually subdue a spirit of detrac-
tion, and prevent differences. . . A concerned number in
each meeting are endeavouring both by example and
precept to bring up those under their care in plainness
and in the simplicity of our profession; to guard them
against improper company and the reading of unpro-
fitable publications, and to promote the reading of
the Holy Scriptures: while some others among us seem to be
relaxing their care in these important subjects. . . Our tes-
timony generally maintained in regard to the 4th query, where
deviations have occur'd, care is taken. . . No deficiency
respecting ^{the poor, or} the placing of Children. . .

There are many who appear concerned to dis-
charge the important duties of the 6th Query; but the
frequent instances of disorderly marriages, evince that
more timely care is wanting. . . Our testimony is
pretty well maintained in the particulars of 7th
and 8th Queries, altho' a fear is express'd in one in-
stance. . . A general care prevails in regard to re-
cords & certificates; where any neglect has appeared,
care has been extended. . . A concern is also express'd
in all our meetings for the timely and regular
dealing with offenders, in order that judgment
may be placed agreeably to Discipline, tho' in some
instances too much delay is manifested." ~

"We were informed by a minute from the Men's
meeting that in consequence of a proposition from Ohio
Yearly Meeting, to "unite in a Conference and Correspondence
with other Yearly Meetings of Friends on the present state of
our religious Society", they had, after a due consideration of the
subject, concluded to appoint a Committee for that purpose;
and this meeting, after solidly deliberating upon said propo-
sition, has fully and feelingly united therewith; but as the
way at the present sitting does not appear sufficiently
clear, for us to proceed to the appointment of one to unite with
that appointed by our men friends, we have therefore committed
the subject to the care of our "Committee on the general stat

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of Society" for further consideration, they being authorized to bring forward the names of some suitable friends for that Service, if their deliberations should result in the belief, that such an appointment, is expedient on our part.

We adjourn to the 4th hour to morrow afternoon, 5th day afternoon - Met, agreeable to adjournment.

Certificates and endorsements on behalf of our dear friend Anna Braithwaite, as recorded on our minutes of 1826 and 1827. have been acceptably read at this time.

Essays or Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia and New York, were presented, read, and approved.

The joint Committee of Men and Women Friends submitted the following report viz: -

"The joint Committee of Men and Women Friends appointed to visit the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings & Reports, that we have given attention to our appointment, and laboured in divers instances, as way has opened; and that some usefulness has resulted from these endeavours: notwithstanding, in the view of the Committee, there remains occasion for the Meeting to continue to extend its care."

Witnessed On behalf of the Committee.

Thomas Howland.
Elizabeth Mitchell. }

Newport 18th of 6th Mo: 1828.

which is acceptable to this meeting, and after a consideration of the subject, we have concluded to continue said Committee under the appointment for the year ensuing.

A lively memorial from the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Dover, concerning our late friend "Charles Osborne" has been read, and approved.

The subject of preparing returning certificates for our endeared friends Elizabeth Boston and Anna Braithwaite having claimed our attention at this time, we have appointed Ruth Davis. Abigail Arnold. Mary Chase. Mary G. Hazard. Deborah Otis. Sylvia Grinnel and Eunice Mitchell, to unite with a Committee of Men Friends for that purpose.

The Friends under appointment to prepare endorse:

ments to place on the minutes of those friends who are ac-
ceptably with us from neighbouring Yearly Meetings, produced
them at this sitting, which with some small additions
were approved.

We adjourn to the 10th hour to morrow morning
6th day - Not agreeable to adjournment.

Excerpts of Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of London
Indiana and Virginia have been read, and after some
alteration, approved and signed.

The Committee, to whose care was committed the
subject respecting the proposed "Committee of Conference
and Correspondence", presented the following names viz
Elizabeth Wing. Alice Rathbone. Mary B. Allen. Harriet
Collins. Deborah Otis and Abigail Robinson, which nomi-
ination being united with, in this meeting, they are
accordingly appointed to unite with the Committee
of men friends for that service.

We adjourn to the 4th hour this afternoon.
afternoon - Not agreeable to adjournment.

The Representatives being called, are present that
attended the first sitting, except two, who are prevented by
indisposition.

Excerpts of Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of
Ohio, and North Carolina, were presented, read, and approved.

The Committee for that purpose presented a Certificate
on behalf of our dear friend Elizabeth Robson, which was
read, and with some alteration, approved, and directed to be
signed; she returning to this meeting, the one with which she
was furnished last year: - said Committee also informed,
that having considered the subject of preparing one for
our beloved friend Anna Braithwaite, they had conclu-
ded to defer ~~it~~ for the present, she not having a clear
prospect of an immediate release from this land.

Transcripts of the London, Philadelphia, New York
Ohio, Indiana, North Carolina & Virginia Epistles, together
with some extracts from these minutes, are directed to be
forwarded to our several Quarterly Meetings.

"We have received a Communication from the Yearly Meeting of Women-Friends at Baltimore, upon the reading of which, the minds of the livingly exercised amongst us, have been introduced into a state of deep mourning, by their acknowledgment of an "Eristle" from a body, assuming to itself the name of the Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia - a meeting set up in opposition to the long known, and well established one, which has been for many years past, and yet is, designated by that appellation. And while our feelings have been thus sorrowfully affected on this painful subject, much sympathy has been felt, and expressed on account of the peculiarly oppressed and tried situation of a little remnant amongst them, who are yet mercifully preserved from a fellowship with that spirit, which would "divide in Jacob, and scatter in Israel". May these continue to "trust in the Lord, with all their heart, and lean not to their own understanding": - "in all their ways, acknowledge him, that he may direct their paths" - then we believe, that in his own due, and appointed time, he will "make darkness, light, before them, and crooked things, straight". "These things, will we do unto them and not forsake them".

The Clerk is directed to forward to that Meeting a Copy of this Minute.

A minute was prepared by our Men Friends, and submitted to our consideration at this time, which has been read, and is as follows viz: -

"This Meeting having been introduced into a weighty consideration of the relation in which we stand towards Friends of some of the other Yearly Meetings on this Continent, in which difficulties have lamentably prevailed, till separation has been the result; we have deemed it our indispensable duty to meet the exigencies of the occasion by manifesting our unity with those Meetings that have continued steadfast in their adherence to the ancient order-discipline, and faith of the Society; and our disunity with those who have receded therefrom: - and it is therefore our Conclusion, that no removal, or other Certificates be received from, or transmitted to such Meetings, as are known to have

receded from the ancient foundation of the Society. And Friends are cautioned against opening our Shutting-Houses to ^{any} who have identified themselves with the bodies thus receding; and all our members are advised not to attend meetings that may be held, or appointed by such.

The annexed Extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting held in Philadelphia, by adjournments from the 25th to the 28th of the fourth month last, (communicated to us at the present time,) show what Meetings within its limits are in unity with that Yearly Meeting.

'Till some more certain information shall be received of the situation of the various Meetings within the compass of the Yearly Meeting of New York, and other Yearly Meetings in which division, or a departure from those principles & practices, which once united us together as one people, is unhappily manifesting itself, we recommend to all our subordinate Meetings, the exercise of a sound discretion in the premises; and should any cases occur, in which any of our Meetings find it difficult to decide, they are requested to apply to the Meeting for Sufferings for its advice; and said Meeting is desired to give its attention to the subject, and render all the assistance herein, from time to time, that it may be qualified to afford.'

Abraham Sherman jun: Clerk

and this meeting after mature deliberation, fully unites themselves, and concurs with them in its adoption, as also of forwarding a copy thereof to our several Quarterly & Monthly Meetings.

*Extracts from the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting of Friends, held in Philadelphia, by adjournments, from the 25th to the 28th inclusive, of the 4th month, 1820 (accompanying the list of that date)

"On considering the difficulty and embarrassment in which Meetings may be involved, for want of knowing on the Certificates which may be produced to them, we issued by Meetings in unity with us, several Friends are appointed in each of our Quarterly Meetings as Correspondents, one of whose duty it is to sign (the certificate to be usual mode of signing) all Certificates or minutes given forth for Friends; and it is requested, in order

76. That Correspondents may be reached the managers are directed that the Periodical be sent to one of those persons the names of the Correspondents with their respective places of residence, are unjoined.

Philadelphia Quarta — Joseph Hailston, Manay.
John Rice Exeter.

John Paul (Philadelphia)
David H. Smith

Wilmington Quarta — Charles H. Harnish, Wilmington

James Spencer, Wynedd

— James Bell — Houdsburg

Becks Quarta — Joseph Salathiel, Darts Dunsford

Benjamin Higgins, Hights Town. } Bucks Co. Penn.

John H. Walden,

Concord Quarta — Joseph "Chas", North Township

Nathan Shanks, Concord . . . } Putnam Co. N.Y.

John Dorsy, New York, Chester Co. Penn.

Calver Quarta — Robert Moore, Salisbury

Thomas Jackson, } Chester Co. Penn.

George G. Asah,

Weston Quarta — William Bailey, London Grove

Edward B. Temple, Salisbury, Dist. Office. } West Co.

Thomas Lamborn, New York

Burlington Quarta — William Allison, Burlington City

William Foster, Upper Springfield . . . } N.Y.

Samuel Bunting, } Burlington Co.

Daniel Parker, Tuckerton

Madisonfield Quarta — Wazillai Lucas, Great Egg Harbor

John Gill, Madisonfield

Joseph Haddock, } New York

Joshua Stokes, Upper Evesham

Salmon Quarta — Samuel Welch, Woodbury

Asaph Wistar, } New York

George Bacon,

Shrewsbury Quarta — Benjamin Parker, Shrewsbury

John C. Parker, } New York

Nathan Child, }

The Committee on the State of Society have presented the following Epistle to our subordinate meetings viz: *

From our Yearly Meeting of Ministers on New England held on Rhode Island, by adjournments from the 15th of the 6th month to the 20th of the same, inclusive, 1822.

To our Quarterly, Monthly and Periodic Meetings, and to members thereof belonging.

The minds being introduced into exercise at this time, in account of the many and great deviations from sound doctrine which have appeared and persisted among members who have hitherto gone under no name; and being sensible of the obligations arising from our high and holy religion, faithfully to bear our testimony to the doctrines of the gospel as set forth in the Holy Scriptures and maintained by our society from its first rise down to the present time; we are concerned to address all our members on these interesting and important subjects, as well with a view to their encouragement as to convince to them our adherence to the faith once delivered to the saints.

As a religious society we are professedly Christians, disciples & followers of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Hence there now it becomes important to know what is required of us, in order that we may be found living up to this profession. Christianity is the religion taught in the Holy Scriptures. What we are given in its spirit, teaches its doctrines, demands with its precepts, manifests its blessed effects upon its faithful adherents, and exhorts to its being embraced in the love of it.

Some understanding of the nature of this spirit, these doctrines, precepts and exhortations, is certainly indispensable to all of us before we can be qualified to support the profession we make. And in considering the adaptation of this holy religion to man's estate, it becomes important to enquire what that estate is. On this subject the Bible teaches, that man is made, as he is the son of Adam, to fallen, degenerate and accursed, and incapable, as in this state, of knowing any thing aright, or of doing, as of himself, any good thing. And as this is affirmed of man, as he is the son of Adam, so it

48 must necessarily include all mankind, the whole history
of Adam. As it is in this, so it is in his thoughts &
conceptions concerning God and things spiritual in dark
and unprofitable view to himself and others. This doctrine
is largely inculcated in the sacred volume. "The heart is
deceitful above all things and desperately wicked: who can know
it?" Eccl. xii. 3. The apostle in his epistle to the Romans, thus
describes a fallen world. "All men without and come under
the flag of God." Rom. iii. 23. There is none righteous, no, not one.
There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh
after God. they are all gone out of the way, they are together become
unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their
thought is an ever vexatious: with their tongues they have used
deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Their mouth is
full of cursing and bitterness: their feet are swift to shed blood:
distraction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace
have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes." Rom.
iii. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18. And the same Apostle another says:
"I know that in me (that is in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing."
Rom. vii. 18. Hence the necessity, if man be redeemed from this state
of degradation and misery, for the ~~interposition~~ ^{interposition} of some more
powerful arm than his own, some Almighty Helper, some Deliverer
and Redeemer, who is able to save. At this necessity the apostle was
pathetically sensible when he exclaimed. "I reached man that I am,
who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" Rom. vii. 24.

From this view of the danger, we become prepared to acknow-
ledge the inestimable value of the Christian plan. The promises of
the scriptures are replete with promises of an Almighty Deliverer
from the consequences of the fall, and of sin and transgression. "And
the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from
iniquity in Jerusalem." Isa. lii. 10.

When, the Lord hath proclaimed unto the end of the world
the gospel of his Son, "Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold
his reward is with him, and his work before him." Isa. lii. 11.

"Behold, I have given him the reins to the people, a ruler, and
commander to the people." Isa. lv. 4.

"Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exal-
ted, and shall be very high. As many were astonished at

him; (his voice was so muffled more than any man and his
power more than the power of man;) I shall be a sign to the living: for
they shall open their mouths at him: for that which they had not heard shall they consider." Isa. Iii. 13. 14. 15.

"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign: behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Isa. vii. 14.

"For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of the dry ground; he hath no form, nor comeliness; and we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

"He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. We like sheep, have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him, the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted; yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth.

He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation: for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. Isa. Iiii. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8.

On the fulness of time, this Almighty Deliverer came. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life". John. iii. 16.

* a dry ground.

13 The apostle John describes in a striking manner, the advent of the Anointed in the first Chapter of his Gospel. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him, was not any thing made that was made. In him was life and the life was the light of men." - i. 1, 2.

3. 4. And the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the father, full of grace and truth." John. i. 14.

He was conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, lived and suffered in the flesh, sent about doing good, enforced by his precepts and doctrines, the future rewards of the righteous, and the punishments of the wicked, and by miracles, and healing all manner of diseases and sickness among the people, he showed forth his power, his goodness, and his wonderful works among the children of men, and finally made an offering of himself on the cross, as a propitiation for our sins, and not for our's only, but for the sins of the whole world. "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God." I Pet. i. iii. "For yet when we were without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly." Rom. v. 6.

"With God commendeth his love towards us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Rom. v.

Of the efficacy of this one great offering, the scriptures bear the most ample testimony. The holy Apostle to the Gentiles dwells upon this interesting theme, and enforces it in language that cannot be misunderstood.

"Much more then," (saith he) "being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were sinners, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement." Rom. v. 9. 10. 11.

Of the universality of the blessed effects of this gracious provision, the same apostle also bears ample testimony.

Therefore as by the offence of one just man came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men ^{and} to justification of life. Rom. v. 18.

"But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law, and the prophets; even the righteousness of God which is by faith in Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, though the forbearance of God; so declare every one at this time his righteousness: that he might be just and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus." Rom. iii. 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26. And the scriptures further testify, that the blessed Saviour rose again from the dead. He also was delivered in our offences, and was raised again for our justification; Rom. iv. 25, and is now at the right hand of God in heavenly places; "Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come;" Eph. i. 21. Who "is able also to save ^{them} to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them". Heb. vii. 25. And if any man sin we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." I John ii. 1. Him hath God exalted with his right hand, to be a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. Acts. v. 31.

The scriptures also declare that this blessed Saviour appears in our hearts by his spirit, according to his testimony before he ascended to the glory which he had with the Father, before the world was. "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." John. xiv. 18. It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you". John xvi. 7. "Howbeit when the spirit of truth is come he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself, but whatsoever he shall hear that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine; and shall show it unto you." John. xvi. 13, 14.

And this is the gift of the Holy Spirit which is the purchase of that most precious, sacrifice of our blessed Lord which in the highest sense is every man. "For he who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." 11 Cor. iv. 6.

Of the divine character of this blessed Saviour, we have also the explicit testimony of the scriptures, that he was true God, and true man. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The Father of the Mercies, The Prince of Peace." Isa. ix. 6. Whence I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord. Luke ii. 10, 11. He testifies of himself that he was with the Father before he came — "And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self, with the glory which I had with thee before the world was." John xvii. 5. And he also declares "I and my Father are one." John x. 30. And we receive reverently to acknowledge to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as the one God over all, blessed Name.

From these premises, with usual boldness and force doth the apostle exhort us to lay hold on the hope which is before us. "Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and so run that we may catch the prize, notwithstanding so run we with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the Throne of God." Heb. xii. 1, 2.

That as an encouraging motto to assist that this most precious gift, the more and precious are the promises contained in the scriptures to the faithful, dedicated soul. "Whosoever shall keep his commandments, he shall dwell in him, and the Father shall dwell in him, and they shall be one." Acts xxi. 31.

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unto us, "Redemption and forgiveness of sins and purification, and redemption." 1. Cor. 1.30. Then can we with humble confidence rely on his gracious promises, and look unto him as our hope, our joy, and our exceeding great reward. Thus in unspeakable mercy is provision made for our restoration, and life and immortality are brought to light.

These things we steadfastly believe, We believe them because they are testified of in the Holy Scriptures and all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." II. Tim. iii. 16. 17.

Yet since then to men they contain evidence in themselves, that they are the truth of God, from their adaptation to our human nature, from the promises which they are calculated to excite, hopes, all of immortality.

We believe them, because their fruits are the fruits of righteousness, the fruits of the spirit; and the humble believers in these sacred truths with self abasement and awe have to acknowledge that it is God who creates in them power to will and to do of his own good pleasure. We believe them because they are witnessed unto us by the evidence of the Spirit of God in our hearts. "He only knoweth the Spirit of God, who is sealed with the Spirit of God, which is given in the heart." "The only Spirit which is complete with that which is given in the heart is the Spirit of God." I. John. iv. 13.

We believe them because the blessed promise and instruction by which they are accompanied, and with which they abound, as they eminently tend to lead the mind home to God, evidence that they can never fail. And this truth has been always been abundantly believed and professed by us as a people, from our birth up to the following extracts from the early writers are abundantly testify.

Herbert Barclay in his apology says: "The former part of his proposition, though it needs no apology for itself yet it is a good apology for us, and will help to sweep away many of our calumnies, which have been so often bandied as if they were religious and virtues of the Christians; for in that which we speak of here is that which is the most noble and purest of all virtues."

than the amounting them without all accident or opinion, and than
the most excellent writings in the world; to which not only
no other writings are to be compared, but even in various
respects not comparable things. But as we speak of them
[they] that their authority rests not at all upon the
approbation of common sense, or of common opinion; so we
then can we subject them to the vulgar, common, and
defiled reason of man." — Barclay's *Apology*, page 102.

"All Adam's posterity, or mankind, both Jews and
Gentiles, as to the first Adam, or earthly man, is fallen,
degraded, and degraded of the dominion of his body,
of his inward being, or soul of life, and is subject
under the power, nature, and rule of the serpent which
he sought in man's heart, while they abide in their natural
and corrupted estate, from whence he came. He is not only their
words and deeds, but all their imaginations are evil before
the sight of God, as proceeding from this corrupted and
cursed seed. Man therefore, as he is in this state, can know
nothing aright; yea, his thoughts and conceptions, concerning
God and things spiritual, until he be disengaged from this evil
seed and united to the Divine Light, are unpardonable both to
himself and others." — Barclay's *Apology*, pages 94, 95.

"If then we may suppose, that Adam did not retain in
his nature (as blessing themselves) any will or light capable to give
him knowledge in spiritual things, then nothing can his posterity
be whereunto God hath any man taken, its foundation and ground
being, as he is now, in the case of Adam; but from the seed of
God in him, as a new initiation of life, in order to being raised out
of this natural condition: so that, though it be in him yet it is
of life; and this the Lord himself witnessed (Gen. vi. 3. when it is
said — He saw that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart
was only evil continually: which words as they are very striking, so they
are very comprehensive. Cover the entrance of them; that there
is no imagination of the thoughts of his heart; — so that this seeds of
reception of any imagination of the thoughts of his heart. — Secondly,
it is only evil continually; it is neither in some parts evil continu-
ally, nor yet only evil at some times, but still only evil and still
continually evil; which certainly excludes any good as a

man's heart, naturally: for that which is only
 good and true things cannot be evil, neither for any good
 thing, nor for a man's heart, again a little more, 1 Cor. viii. 21.
 The imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth. Thus
 showing the natural evil of the heart. — Barclay's
 Apology, page 22. 92.

"We do not have infinite ways to be-
 come disciples from the stream. There is a sacrifice of Jesus
 Christ; but on the contrary to many, and even to us,
 as we believe all these things to have been certainly trans-
 acted which are recorded in the Holy Scriptures concern-
 ing the birth, life, miracles, suffering, resurrection, and
 ascension of Christ; so we do also believe that it is the
 duty of every one to believe in to whom it pleases God to come
 to us, and to bring them to the knowledge of it; yea, we
 believe it we can not believe not to believe it when it
 is offered; but to resist that Holy seed, which as minded would
 and incline every one to believe it as it is offer'd
 unto them, though it is offered not in any way, nor the
 most and explicit knowledge of it, nevertheless it always
 present to it; the declaration, when it is declared. Kimbrough's
 we firmly believe it was necessary that Christ should come, that
 by his death and sufferings he might offer up himself a sacrifice
 for our sins, who his own self bore our sins in his
 own body on the tree; so we believe that the remission of sins which
 any sinner of it only in and by virtue of that most satisfac-
 tory sacrifice, and no otherwise. For it is by the covenant of that one
 which the free gift is come unto all by justification". Barclay's
 Apology, page 141.

From William Penn's "Indian apology" &c. we obtain
 the following viz. "So conclude this brief account I am constrained,
 for the sake of the simple hearted to publish to the world our faith
 in God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit. We do believe in One only
 truly God Almighty, who is an eternal Spirit, the Creator of all
 things. And in our Lord Jesus Christ his only son, and exact
 image of his substance, who took upon him flesh, and was
 in the world; and in his doctrine, miracles, death, resurrection,
 ascension, and mediation, fully did, and does ~~con~~ con-

...and who ever denies this doctrine is an antichrist,
no preacher another, is a false preacher and seducer, and brings people
into error and loss, from that which is right, and their due, in which
is satisfaction: so these are universal things to all mankind,
and all mankind might come out of the darkness of error
into the light and forgiveness, to him that hath said for them
and purchased them all, and gave his grace to them all; &
...and come to the knowledge
of the truth of Christ, who doth this: And whoever teacheth ano-
ther doctrine, brings people into sects and confusion, to destroy
one another, when they have no natural divisions and will
...the religions, ways and worship of all such, are no worship,
...is not ways to God, but set up by a dark, peevish spirit,
which they destroy one another, which are God's creatures, about them;
...come from him: so is said of the truth, when Christ came
to us." page 19-1671.

From a work entitled "Antichrist in flesh unmasked"
page 1671-1672 the following Christian testimony is extracted,
"The eternal Father and Father in the world, God and men,
...manhood of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the eternal
...and in the fullness of time to be glorified
miraculously conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary,
...the cruel death of the cross as an universal offering and
...both in his body and blood shed thereon for the sins of the whole
world; and was buried and rose again the third day, and bodily man-
ifested (as seen in his ascending) and seated into heaven and glory:
and that he ascended far above all heavens, that he might fill
all things; and that by his suffering and sacrifice he hath obtained
a eternal redemption for us, which though faith in his name &
love, true repentance and conversion, is livingly receive and effect-
ually partake of."

...are not... justified, redeemed
...our own righteousness, works, merits or deserving;
...the righteousness, merits, and works of this our

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direct temptations upon your mind, a come thought on
possibility of this. But to the act is not a plan of
refuge; but your confidence in the great deliverer. Trust in him
in his name, and believe yourself to be his very presence
in what you faith in him to remove any temptation that may
with you the Lord shall remove his angels.

He would inquire of each, in any time to come, are
you in any manner brought in this case; then you con-
sidered, hear down, the right conscience of a Christian in
faith upon yourself. Then you consider that if you reject
the chief cornerstone, the building of your house will not stand;
but if you undermine the foundation, the superstructure must
fall.

When the time approaches, when you must let action in all
things visible, when the elements of holiness, the peace of
conscience, the desire of heaven will not be all your power to
control, mind will be under of your will to, will you refuse
the Christian's hope?

Have you considered the effects of your doubts
and objections upon him who holds you? Has there ever
been presented to your mind, a man in prison, who convicted
of the heinous crime of murder, yet remaining in his way,
looking a Deceiver, and crying out on the anguish of his soul,
a Deceiver, a Deceiver, a Deceiver, a Deceiver.

He would say, you will say, the temptation to doubt is
it is not to him, his doubts and objections are not a temptation
to escape? I suggest what he would say, then, what is it that
leads him to his present state? Is it that he is not a Christian?
Is it that he is not a Christian? Is it that he is not a Christian?
unto Christ, acknowledge him in all his ways. Then he may
get life you up, for in him is perfect redemption and
heavenly mercy to the penitent sinner and merciful to all.

Signed in behalf, and by direction of the
great meeting assembly,

Matthew Thomas, Junr.
Ruth Rodman, Clerk

* and some other meeting assembly.

The present occasion has been to us one of peculiar interest
and importance, as we are assured a very ^{valuable} opportunity
of our subjects would have been sacrificed to an attention
at this time (as may be seen by a comparison of the preceding
minutes) and we desire to record with feelings of lively
gratitude, the having our necessities in this most arduous
and laborious cause, so much improved, and personally
benefited. We would also express our thanks for the aid
that has been mercifully afforded us, both immediately and thro'
the medium of spiritual instruments, whereby the
cause of these favours may be the clothing of our minds, and strengthening
the cause of this in Africa, to its full development and
glory.

We conclude, intending to meet again if permitted
at the same time and place next year.

Sign'd on behalf of the Meeting,

of Ruth "Goodman Clerk.

the same year, and in the same month, and in the same place, as the original by reference to the 10th of the same, inclusive, 1850.

At the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends at Guilford, Conn.

Dear Friends,

It has been a long time since we have met, and it has been a long time since we have been able to meet in the same place, and in the same month, and in the same year, as the original by reference to the 10th of the same, inclusive, 1850. And seeing, dear Friends, that his combustion fails not, may we not be encouraged to see in him as the one who is going to labour in the ability afforded, that we may be made happy in his faith and obedience, and thus become partakers of those glorious promises which are fulfilled through our ever blessed Redeemer - "He who by one offering hath perfected forever them that are sanctified."

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could in the situation of things, and especially the
 unity and thus become his friends by his own
 will even now contribute to the advancing of his cause or
 his cause of righteousness; and as you please to mention his name
 in your next letter, you will be doing me a great
 service his cause, where the faithful labours of the friends
 that have entered into rest.

We were again had the pleasure of receiving from
 your friends Elizabeth Rodman, and Anna W. Rodman
 an Epistle, with some other good things, which have been
 more religious labours have been edifying to us.

Signed on behalf of the committee.

Ruth, Rodman Clerk.

From our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at New-
 York in Rhode-Island, for New-England, by adjournments from the
 1st of the 6th month, to the 2nd of the same month 1833.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends at New-York.
 Dear Sisters.

"We acknowledge the receipt of your very acceptable
 Epistle of last month, the reading of which has introduced in our
 many into a near sympathy with you, in your peculiarly
 tried situation; and we are rejoicing in the prospect of
 descending into the bosom of your friends in their
 you under such difficulties to hold your annual assembly, con-
 sistent with Gospel order, thereby winning the truth of the
 relation. My grace, is sufficient for thee; and whilst thou do
 stand with his divine presence, is there not great cause of thank-
 giving, and humble confidence in Him, who in mercy designs
 to be the cause of our assemblies, that He will carry on His
 work; and altho' the time of trial may appear long, however, as
 but the burden heavy, and the long and arduous labours, in His
 service and love, which there is a satisfaction in labouring and
 dedication of heart, under the influence of Truth, which will
 greatly assist to perform every duty of love and
 in love, we will look to the favour of the Lord and His

together, I suggest to them, that they should be made
all may be made sensible of the necessity of submitting to the
divine oracular voice, which is heard, not only
from the "dove" and the "son," but the "renewed voice" of the
living Lord, in his commanding mercy, to be heard to rescue
us from the errors of the many, which are indeed cast about us
under varied appearances.

And for you dear young friends who have
been gathered round him, and opening to manifest your allegi-
ance to the cause of truth and righteousness, in this holy tes-
timony, your presence is a precious offering to the Lord, and
you are again, every day, in the presence of the Lord, and
lasting peace, let the appearance be ever so precious: - and also
your faith may at times be tried, even as to an hair, but
as your eye is kept fixed to our Holy Redeemer and Captain of our
salvation, (who has declared that He will never forsake his humble
dependent children) way will be made for your deliverance where
there appears to be no way; this will we believe be your experience, if
you are faithful to the manifestations of Divine Light, and willing to
be led by the Spirit of the Lord, who is the Spirit of truth and
life; and now consistency is the sign of a true heart, and
hard shackle, but one who is touched with a feeling of our infirmities.

It is our duty to be ready to
meeting to transact the weighty concerns which have come before us,
and to be ready to do so.

We have had the acceptable company of our beloved
cousins Elizabeth Weston and Anna Braithwaite from England, with
some others from neighbouring yearly meetings, whose Gospel labours have
been edifying to us.

The subject of appointing a Committee of Conference and
Conscience on the present state of our religious society, has been
introduced and weightily deliberated upon, and resulted in the appoi-
ment of one (in unison with our men friends) to write with those of
other Yearly Meetings that have entered into the measure.*

With the sanction of the Yearly Meeting, we have
a general meeting of the Yearly Meeting.

Richd. Bradman, Secy.

It is with satisfaction we have observed the solid
 deportment of many in early life, who have convened with
 us at this time, and who have, we believe, measurably yielded
 to the visitations of the love of our Heavenly Father; may
 we at this season be able with you and us to be enabled
 to persevere in the way of well-doing, endeavoring to "keep the
 heart with all diligence", that nothing which is of the enemy
 may prevail to mar the work: and though difficulties and
 trials exist, and various temptations are given, yet dear young friends

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I am glad to hear that the Committee of the Society are
willing, dear young sisters to resign you all, as into the hands of
gracious Creator, that so his gracious purposes concerning you may
be accomplished, and you be preserved to him, and that you may
be preserved to him, and that you may be preserved to him, and that
you may be preserved to him, and that you may be preserved to him,
never leave nor forsake those who put their trust in him.

We are glad that through the united efforts of this
our annual assembly, we have been mercifully owned by the
"Society of Friends" enabled to transact the important con-
cerns of Society, in harmony and concensus. We have been
furnished with the acceptable company of our friend, Elizabeth
Robson and Anna Whitcomb from England, and others from
neighbouring Yearly Meetings, whose gospel labours have been strengthening, and we
trust edifying to us.

Your account of the School among the Indian natives, was
interesting, and we wish to see continued to draw a portion of
your attention and labour to your friends.

We are very glad to hear that the Society are forming
a "Committee of Conference and Correspondence," on the present
state of our religious society, for their inter-consultation and
liberation upon, and has resulted in the appointment of one
meeting (with two other friends) to meet with them on the 1st of
August that have entered into the measure.

With the salutation of love we bid you Farewell.
Signed on behalf of the Meeting.
Ruthy "Redman" Clerk.

From our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends at New
 York, N. Y., by adjournment from the 15th of the 6th
 month to the 22nd of the same month 1827.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends at Virginia,
 New States.

"Being now prepared to meet in this our annual
 meeting, some of our friends have been introduced into near sympathy
 with the members in Zion and the Holy Spirit in Jerusalem;
 we now to remove the distinction apparent in our coming, to
 use the language is - "See not little things; it is your Father's
 good pleasure to give you the kingdom". Altho' many are the dis-
 arrangements of the present day, yet we have at this time renewed
 cause of thankfulness to the Father of mercies and God of all com-
 fort, who still supports us, to be again sensible that we are under
 his protecting care: and we are encouraged to believe that the
 Holy Spirit is at work, by often returning and warning upon the soul,
 will be covered with a cloud of glory, and that, in the
 eye, the divine mercy, which directed to see with triumph the
 vivid attacks of an unwearied enemy, and qualified to detect
 him in his artful insinuations: therefore we can say, let not
 the vision, the oft admitted mind be dimmed by what though
 suffering, and that we are established in faith, but in the
 times when we can adopt the language of the Psalmist - "Thou
 hast girded me with strength unto battle; thou hast subdued under
 me, those that rose up against me; and by a continued humble
 trust in our Holy Redeemer, who is "all to care to the utter-
 most, all who come unto God by him", we shall be preserved
 in his grace, and by his mercy and grace be strengthened to every
 good word and work.

As the state of society has been spread before
 us, much exercise and travail of spirit hath been felt, both
 on account of the deficiencies that exist among us, and for the
 support of Gospel order, and the discipline of our society, in
 which we have been prepared to harmonize in labour; we
 have also been concerned to encourage the frequent reading
 of the Holy Scriptures, believing them to be "profitable for doc-
 trine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in right-
 eousness", and are able to make us wise unto salvation through

faith in Christ Jesus our Lord

While we feel for the oppressed situation of the people of color a renewed solicitude both have excited the your encouragement in promoting their improvement and ameliorating their condition.

Your acceptable Epistle of last year has been received and sent to our satisfaction.

We may inform you that the subject of appointing a "Committee of Correspondence, on the present state of our religious society, has been introduced at this time, and weightily deliberated upon and has resulted in the appointment of one in unison with our men friends to write with you of other Yearly Meetings that have entered into our minds.

We remain your friends & sisters.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

Ruthy Rodman. Clarke.

I am a yearly Meeting of Women Friends and a
 of your sisterhood for the period of adjournment
 from the 16th of the 6th month, to the 20th of the same (inclusive) 1828.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends at Ohio.
 Dear Sisters.

We can indeed adopt the language of your acceptable Epistle "with the full assurance of Christian fellowship" which prevailed on hearing it read, was such as to give a renewed evidence, that as our Correspondence is maintained under right feeling it will be moved by the great Spirit of the Church, and we look forth under a renewed sense of Gospel sympathy and fellowship we can express you, desiring that "your many and true may be multiplied and abound amongst you"; so that in those days of great affliction in our Society we may be strengthened to maintain its ancient principles and doctrines, with firmness, against all the innovations and innovations of the selfish Service who is seeking to lay waste and destroy the bulwark, but we have cause to believe that we also are prepared to keep on the narrow path by walking down to the true foundation. Christ Jesus the Rock of ages, against which the gates of Hell will never be able to prevail, for they are founded upon a rock. And while we desire the preservation

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such General Committee will be at liberty only to propose the result of deliberations, while the respective Yearly Meetings will retain the power of approving, or rejecting such propositions.

"We have thankfully to acknowledge, that during our
al sittings, much unity and harmony have prevailed; and while
minds have thus unitedly been dipped into a fresh feeling of the
importance of the concern, for which we are now assembled, we have
been comforted in the renewed evidences which have been afforded us, that
the concern is owned by the Holy Head of the Church, and that as there
is humble dependence on the unfoldings of his Counsel, which will
in the way of harmony and brotherly love, it will contribute to the
unity of the body at large, and the increase of its usefulness as a
Christian Community, in holding up to the world a united testimony
to the practical excellence of the gospel.

"Sign'd by division and on behalf of the General Committee
in Philadelphia, the 25th and the 26th of the 4th Mo:- 1831, by
Elisha Bates, Clerk."

Well, in this uncertainty of tomorrow we are aware that is only
through watchfulness and prayer, that we can be thus preserved:
Oh then the next there is for us all to keep humble, knowing that
it is only the humble that he teaches of his ways, and "the meek
that he guides in judgment".

We are deeply sensible, that it is a day of trial and pur-
ing, but let us dear sisters be willing to suffer, and to bear the
purifying hands, knowing that the great Head of the Church, when
he consented to take upon him our nature, and suffered for us
in that prepared body, "was a man of sorrow, and acquainted with
grief" - and is it not enough that the "servant be us his Master, and
his disciple as his Lord"? And by thus submitting to the baptisms
of the Holy Spirit, we shall be prepared to fill up our measure of
suffering for the body's sake which is the Church.

We desire not to multiply words unnecessarily, but
to encourage the honest hearted to faithfulness and vigilance
in this day of trial to the Church. And if there be any among
you who have been drawn aside into by paths, may these be
precious words to make a stand and "ponder the paths of his feet",
and consider that it is only as we abide in a humble teach-
able state that we can receive a blessing, to wit: "the Holy Spirit".

We have been favoured through the several sittings
of this yearly meeting, to conduct the business that has come
before us in much harmony. We have again had the acceptable
company of our beloved friends Elizabeth Rodson and Anna Braithwaite,
and others with some others from neighbouring Yearly Meetings,
and our labours amongst us have been to our comfort, and we
are rejoicing.

Your proposition with respect to the appointment
of a "Committee of Conference and Correspondence", claimed the
solid attention of this meeting and resulted in the appoint-
ment of one (in unison with our own friends) to write with
us of other Yearly Meetings that have entered into the
union.

We affectionately bid you Farewell.
Yours in Christ to the Father,
Ruthy Rodman, Clerk.

From our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at
 Worcester, Mass. Dec. 1st & 2nd, 1828, by which we were
 informed that the Yearly Meeting of the W. M. F. M. S. in 1828
 will be yearly a meeting of Women Friends in North Carolina
 Dear Sisters.

Under an humbling sense of our dependence on
 the Spirit of the Holy Spirit, that we may in this time be able to
 and you, having desires to be in Christian communion may be
 maintained in the life and career of faith, feeling, that it has
 not, as well as to clear lines, then the means of obtaining strength
 and consolation to those, whose hands are yet times ready to hang
 down and who have been induced to adopt this language - "By whom
 shall I be wise for he is a man?" Some of our minds have been
 dipped into near sympathy with those who have to go mourn-
 ing on their way, in account of the divergent opinions from
 our ancient principles & practices - dear sisters, be not discour-
 aged nor dismayed, but endeavour to "hold fast the faith"
 as it is in Jesus Christ, our Lord, (for he remains to be "the same
 yesterday, today, and forever") holding to the word that "the
 Lord is with them and he will answer them in the day of wrath" and he will
 answer when we are reproved". And may we all be made willing to
 stand firm in that faith which will enable us to bear our
 allotted portion of suffering, altho' we may have often to descend
 as to the vision of glory, that we may be sensible in our own
 experience in the Church, being rooted and grounded on the
 true foundation - Christ Jesus the rock of ages.

We have on this time felt an earnest conviction that
 the Spirit of the present day may be willing to take up the cross,
 and follow Christ, counting nothing too hard to bear with
 him in his state, that by walking in this fear they may be pre-
 served from the contaminating influence of that spirit,
 which "divides in Jacob, and scatters in Israel".

We have again been favoured with the Company
 of our beloved Friend Elizabeth Robson and Anna Brainerd
 from Europe, together with some others from neighbouring
 parts, the presence of these good sisters has been an interesting
 and encouraging.

in a letter to the Secretary of the "Christianity of Experience & Experiment" on the present state of our religious society, has been introduced, and being received upon, and has resulted in the instrument of one (in unison with our own) was to unite with those of the Yearly Meetings, that they should visit the distressed.

With the expectation of being so welcome your thanks.
Signed on behalf of the Meeting.
Ruth, Robinson. Clerk.

1828.

To the Monthly Meeting of Hardshaw-street - the Quarterly Meeting of Lancashire and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Weston has attended our Yearly Meeting in 1826 and being again with us at this time with a certificate from the meeting held at Hardshaw-street and also a Discharge for 4th & 5th month, enclosed by the Quarterly Meeting of Lancashire held at Manchester the 12th of 5 month, together with one from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London by adjournments on the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th of the 6th month 1824.

We feel engaged to certify on her behalf, that her good labours and religious services, both when assembled in our Yearly Meeting capacity, and in our subordinate meetings, and also in various families, have been strengthening to the livingly exercised, encouraging to the weak, and consoling to the afflicted members amongst us: in her ministry being strong in action, carefully endeavouring to divide the word right, and her conversation and demeanour becoming the character of a Minister of the Gospel of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We have felt much sympathy with her in her trials and afflictions in this land, and affectionately desire it consistent with the Divine will, that when her services are fully accomplished she may be permitted to return in safety to her family and friends with the reward of Peace.

Signed by direction and on behalf of our

Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England held at Newport on Rhode-Island, by adjournments from the 16th of the 6th month, to the 20th of the same (inclusive) 1828.

Abraham Shearman Jun. Clerk.
Ruthy Rodman . . Clerk.

1828

At a Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport on Rhode-Island for New-England, by adjournments from the 15th to the 19th of the 6th month, - 1829.

Met, agreeable to the conclusion of last year, and after a season of retirement, proceeded to business.

We are informed by accounts from the several Quarterly Meetings constituting this, that the Representatives from them were as follows - viz: - For Rhode-Island Mary A. Robinson, Abigail Sherman, Abigail Arnold, Elizabeth Shaw and Susanna Green. For Salem Church Cape, Alice Chase, Hannah Collins & Miriam Smith. For Sandwich Susan Woodland, Sylvia Ginnell, Sarah E. Allen, Mary Shepley and Mary Blodget, For Amherst, Mary W. Allen, Louisa Cook, Hannah Arnold, Alice Eastbone and Hannah Miller. For Belmunt, Peter C. C. Charkeful Wadsworth, Anne Jones, and Anna Pounton. For Wassaconough, Lydia Eason, Sarah Blacker, and Peter J. Winslow. For Dover, Mary E. Brown, Ruth Andea, Huldah B. Searney and Anna A. Drang - who being called on present except four, for whose absence reasons were assigned which were accepted.

Accounts from our several Quarters have been read at this time which furnish us with the following information, viz: - That our Rhode-Island Quarter has united with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Ruth Buffington, and with East Greenwich in that of Joanna Peck to the Station of Elders: that Salem has united with Westbrook Monthly Meeting in appointing the public appearances in the ministry of Abigail Miller. That Amherst has united with New Bedford, in appointing Sylvia Ginnell to the place of an Elder, and with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in appointing the public appearances in the ministry of Huldah

the appointment of Anna Perkins and wife Mary Ann on
being, likewise, trustees and Lydia Thayer to the Station of
1829.

A Certificate on behalf of our friend Esther Lippin
from the Base No: Meeting, dated 13th of 5th month, 1829, was presented
and read - and one from Nine Partners No: Meeting on behalf
of our friend Anna H. Thayer - also a minute from the 10: 11
of Philadelphia concerning our friend Elizabeth Fairfield which
was endorsed by that Quarterly Meeting -

We have received acceptable Epistles from the bea-
ry meetings of Women - Friends at London. Philadelphia. New York.
Ohio and Virginia, which have been read at this time to our en-
couragement and edification; and we consider a favor that de-
mands the expression of gratitude, that amidst the burnings
and sufferings in our religious society, a living witness
is yet preserved that is enabled to quicken one another in the
truth.

Deborah Otis. Lydia Budd. Sarah Walker. Betsey Perkins.
Baronah Collins. Abigail Sherman. Phoebe Cobb. Mary W. P.
Mary L. Hazard. Susan Howard. Mary V. Brown. These with
some. Mary A. Robinson and Mary Chayer are appointed to take
the subject of preparing Epistles (to our beloved sisters of other
Quarterly Meetings) into consideration, and if way should open in
the month, prepare Essays and present when ready.

We adjourn to the 4th hour this afternoon.
next day afternoon. . . met, agreeable to adjournment.

The Representatives reported that they had met and
deliberated on the subject of Clerk and assistant, and were united
in proposing the re-appointment of Ruth Freeman and Hannah
Goulden - their nomination being approved by the Meeting, they
are accordingly appointed to that service.

The Minutes have been read, together with Answers from
the Quarterly Meetings heretofore received; and the many deficiencies
therein noticed, has been a subject that has claimed much of our
attention at this season: much reasonable and deeply important
counsel has been imparted, which we desire may be profitably
treasured up. Mary A. Robinson. Abigail Arnold, and Phoebe Cobb.

appointed to prepare a "Summary" from the Session, and present it at a future sitting.

Our Men friends informed us, that they apprehended usefulness would result from the appointment of a Committee, to consider and act upon every thing relative to the state of society, which Committee would report from time to time (during the sittings of this meeting) upon such subjects as were committed to their care: they also informed us, that on their part they had appointed one; and this meeting fully uniting with them in the measure has appointed Susan Howland, Betsey Parvinton, Deborah Otis, Hannah Dennis, Lydia Bred, Phila Rathbone, Hannah Collins, Sarah Tucker, Mary B. Allen, and Phila Cobb to unite with them in this interesting and important cause.

We adjourn to the 4th hour to morrow afternoon.

Today - but agreeable to adjournment.

An acceptable and interesting Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Men and Women Friends at Baltimore has been received and read: - also one from the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends at Indiana.

The Boarding School Committee presented a Report which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and is as follows, viz -

"The Boarding School Committee report - That in pursuance of their appointment they have paid attention to the superintendence of this Institution for the Year past, and believe that its various concerns have been conducted in accordance with the design of Friends in its establishment; and Meetings for Worship have been regularly kept up.

The School has been conducted during the past year, under the care of Orzech and Lydia Bred as Superintendents, who still remain in that Capacity: and Stephen and Hannah Green have been usefully engaged as Assistants in the care of the Institution for a few months past. . . . Isaiah Jones, Moses Mitchell, Joseph Hoag, Hiram Quinn, Mary May, Lydia B. Allen and Sarah Fry, have been engaged as Teachers, most of the year: several of these have left, or are about leaving the School, and the Committee have made, and are making arrangements to supply their places.

The quarterly meeting of Seniors at any one time as reported
 to the Committee was not more than thirty five. The average
 during the year, one hundred and thirty five; and
 the good conduct, and improvement manifested has been gene-
 rally satisfactory to the Committee.

The accounts of the Treasurer of the School Fund, and
 the Superintendent, has been received and audited; and the state
 of the Fund is such, that the Committee is safe to propose to the
 yearly Meeting, that Children and members of this year,
 Meeting continue to be admitted on their tickets and a cap
 for quarter, and that the Junior Meeting, Meetings again have
 the privilege of sending one Child through the year, or two
 children six months each, free of expense. . . and that when
 from any peculiarity of circumstances the Committees of Month-
 ly Meetings may consider it desirable to send a Child for three
 months only, they have the liberty of doing so, provided that
 no more than two Child be at the Institution at one
 time from the same Monthly Meeting on this privilege.
 and being apprized that the two monthly meetings of
 Nantuxet have been united into one meeting - the Com-
 mittee, after considering the circumstance, propose that the
 United Meeting have the same privilege of sending Children
 to the School as has Nantuxet have enjoyed by the two month-
 ly meetings separately." —

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

by —

Mrs. Brown.

Mary B. Allen.

Commence 5th Mo: P: 1829.

On advertising to the subject of a Committee that we
 appointed yesterday, to unite with a similar one in the men's meet-
 ing for the purpose of considering and acting on subjects relative
 to the "State of Society," we have ascertained that the number of
 selected was not adequate to the importance of the subject,
 we have therefore appointed Mary King, Anna Gardner,
 Mrs. John C. Brown, Miss Ann Morrell, Susanna Gardner,
 Mary J. Brown, Elizabeth King, John Brown, and a
 few in addition thereto.

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Our beloved friend Ann Jones (now acceptably with us) produced
Certificates as recorded on our minutes of 1829. which have again
been read to our satisfaction.

Sylvia Grinnell, Sarah Tucker, and Lydia C. Smith are
appointed to prepare endorsements to place on the minutes of
our beloved Sisters who are now acceptably with us from neighbour-
ing yearly meetings, and produce them at a future sitting.

Our Men Friends presented to us the following "Report"
To the Yearly Meetings of Rhode-Island, Philadelphia, North Carolina, Virginia,
Ohio and Indiana. - -

"The Committee appointed by the several Yearly Meet-
ings to confer upon the general interests of the Society, &c. Report - That
agreeable to their appointment Representatives from each meeting con-
vened at Newbury, Mass., & Ohio, on the 4th of 9th month 1828. The ob-
ject of their appointment being more intimately to connect the
local and general interests of the Society: - the Committee held sev-
eral meetings and endeavoured to wait for a qualification to
discharge the duty which has been laid upon them by the Yearly
meetings. - - Several subjects were brought into view, and received
consideration; and as the appointment was felt to be of a very res-
ponsible nature, we did believe the way has not clearly opened to
present any subject so as to offer it for the deliberation of the
Yearly Meetings.

We submit to the judgment of the Yearly
Meetings, the propriety of continuing similar Committees." -

Signed by direction, and on behalf of the Representatives

Samuel Bettle, Clerk.

which is satisfactory to us, and we have united with them in con-
sidering the question Consideration of this interesting subject, to
the Committee on the State of Society who are to report thereon at a
future sitting of this meeting.

The adjournment to the 10th hour to morrow morning.
The meeting was agreeable to adjournment and after a renewed sense
of divine favour, proceeded to business.

The minutes for their Service presented a summary from
the Minutes, which was read, approved and is as follows.

Summary.

It appears from the accounts submitted from several Sunday meetings that there are numbers who are absent in each who are regular in attendance and the same of meetings for discipline and the care and admonition should be extended to the who neglect in indifference in regard to this duty. Generally careful to observe the hour and a coming deposit at when appointed.

Love and Unity efforts to be maintained in all our efforts, and it is painful to observe that in some instances there is a very supple relation and many have the appearance of.

Some friends are concerned particularly in discharge the important task of educating their children and from under their care, both by example and teaching, are endeavoring to guard and preserve them from the influence of pernicious publications, and to secure profitable conversation in the school, and to convince them of the Christian's and propriety of religion. While in others there is a decided departure from the simplicity of our profession. The Holy Scriptures are read in friends families, but an increased attention to this study is very desirable.

There is a general care in the several parts of the Sunday school, where deviations have appeared, care has been extended.

The regulations of the Doer are observed to and a general care manifested with regard to Children.

A common is also exhibited by each meeting, both in business and respect to arrangements and in connection to discipline. But a number of instances are noticed of keeping Company and arranging with the dear society - we are particularly attention to this subject is necessary.

Mostly careful in regard to 1st and 8th classes. Some deficiencies noted with respect to records and Certificates which care has been taken.

A good degree of care is manifested that the young are kept to regular and industrious study, but we believe some evil influences and early labor in many instances would tend to usefulness.

At this time we were informed that the Committee on the subject of the Yearly Meetings, had been organized, and that they had been holding several meetings since their organization. It was also stated that the Committee had been holding several meetings since their organization. It was also stated that the Committee had been holding several meetings since their organization.

The Committee submitted the following "Deposition" to the Committee on the subject of the Yearly Meetings, to whose case was referred the subject relative to the "Conference of Committees on the Annual Yearly Meetings" viz:—

"It is the conclusion of this Yearly Meeting to continue the appointment of a Committee to meet with Committees from Yearly Meetings, to take into consideration and propose for the approbation and adoption of each meeting, which may appear to said joint Committee to be promotive of the best interests of the Society; and in an especial manner it is the desire of this meeting, that their Committee propose to the united Committee, to collect and prepare a Concise declaration of our Faith and Principles, as these have always been held and maintained by our Society, from its first rise, to the present time; and that this, when prepared, be presented to each Yearly Meeting; and it is expected and adopted by all the Yearly Meetings, that it be considered as an unequivocal definition of our Faith and Principles in regard to the fundamental doctrines of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ — together with such ^{other} subjects, connected with the welfare of our religious Society, as the truth may open the way for them to deliberate upon: but that whatever may appear to said Committee as essentially connected with this great end, it is the sense of this meeting, that said Committees are not to act conclusively in any case, but only to prepare and submit to the consideration and approval of the Yearly Meetings." —

It was the information that they had concluded to adopt it, if united with us; and also that they had continued as a Committee the following friends viz: Rowland Green, William Hing, William Jones, Thomas Howland, Stephen A. Chace, Moses Pieper, John Osborn, Benjamin Jackson & Abraham Sherman Junr. and appointed James Anthony, Cornelius Howland and Samuel H. Hays in addition thereto. We therefore after solidly considering the subject

and duty, writing therewith, have concluded on our part to continue to the service the friends that formed our Committee the last year, who are Elizabeth Wing. Alice Rathbone. Mary B. Allen. Hannah Collins. Deborah Otis, and Abigail Robinson. & the Clerk is authorized to unite with that of the men's meeting in signing and furnishing said Committee with a copy of the foregoing minutes.

The appointment of ^{our} Boarding School Committee coming under consideration at this time, we have appointed Ruth Rodman, Abigail Shearman. Mary B. Allen. Lydia Brud. Susan Howland. Deborah Otis. Patsy Swinton and Miriam Newhall to examine the list of names that at present compose the Committee, and bring forward the names of such Friends as they may consider will usefully serve for the ensuing year.

We adjourn to the 5th hour this afternoon.

Afternoon. Much agreeable to adjournment.

The Committee on Epistles presented one to the Lady Meeting of Women Friends at Virginia which was read, approved, and signed.

The London printed Epistle of last year, together with sound doctrine, and reasonable counsel, has been read at this time, to our edification and encouragement.

We adjourn to the 11th hour to morrow morning.

5th day - Much agreeable to adjournment.

The Friends appointed yesterday, to select & nominate the Boarding School Committee, have proposed the following names - viz. Ais Kline. Mary Butington. Rhoda Howland. Elizabeth Barker. Mary Dockray. Mary P. Hazard. Phila Cobb. Ruth Rodman. Mary B. Allen. Abigail Robinson. Hannah Collins. Mary A. Robinson. Anna A. Jenkins. Abigail Arnold. Elizabeth Congdon. Elizabeth Reynolds. Hannah Dennis. Deborah Otis. Alice Rathbone. Susan Howland. Susanna Gardiner. Rachel Gardiner. Sarah Barnard. Mary Shaw. Mary Chace (of Salem) Susan Ann. Baffan. Hannah Gould Jun. Mary T. Brown. Alice Chace. Mary Ann. Tenhall. Mary G. Anthony. Sarah B. Shaw. Elizabeth Osborne. which selection being approved of by this meeting, they are accordingly appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

We adjourn to the hour at which the men may

conclude to meet this afternoon.

At seven - broke near the 4th hour.

The following Proposition, intended to become an article of Discipline was submitted to us by the Men's Meeting - viz: -

"The importance of steadfastly maintaining our ancient principles, respecting the doctrines of the Gospel, coming unswervingly under a consideration. We earnestly recommend and enjoin upon Quarters and Yearly Meetings, and upon all faithful members to be determined as our members with regards the rebellion of their faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, both as to his outward coming in the flesh (wherein he tasted death for every man, and was the propitiating sacrifice for our sins, and not for his own, but also for the sins of the whole world suffering the just for the unjust, that we might be brought unto God through him) and to his spiritual appearance in the world, for unto him that look for his coming, shall he appear the second time, without sin unto salvation."

And if in any instance there should be manifested any deviation from our Christian principles in these respects, that they proceed to labour with such in the spirit of meekness and wisdom, endeavouring to bring them to a sense of their departure from our acknowledged principles, that if possible they may be restored to soundness of faith. - And if there should be any who should persist in their errors, notwithstanding such labour in brotherly love, that our testimony be maintained by testifying against such.

which after being solidly considered was cordially united with us.

Endorsements to place on the Certificates and Minutes of those friends that are with us from neighbouring Yearly Meetings were read and approved.

Essays & Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of Men & Women in visits at London, Ohio, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Indiana, New York and North-Carolina, were presented and read and after some small alterations, approved and signed.

The Clerk is authorized to forward manuscripts for Epistles at this time to our several Quarterly Meetings.

The joint Committee of Men and Women Friends to visit our subordinate meetings presented the following report

To the Church Meeting now sitting.

The joint Committee of Men and Women Friends, to visit
ably and ^{subordinate} meetings, report, that some attention has
been paid to their ^{subordinate} meetings, and several of the Committee
have visited some of the subordinate meetings, and afforded
it an encouragement. Witness in the maintenance of our prin-
ciples and testimony, as was ever our aim, which we think has been
shown in our conduct. We are united in recommending
the continuance of this care, by a similar Committee, should we
have for it in the judgment of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.
Thomas Whitland.
Mary B. Allen.

Resolved 10th of 6th month, 1827.

which is acceptable to this Meeting, and we have
appointed those friends who have hitherto formed
this Committee who are Abigail Robinson. Maria East-
on. Mary B. Allen. Hannah Dennis. Miss Rogers.
Alice Chase. Susan Whitland. Elizabeth Barker.
Mary Carr. Sarah Carr. Elizabeth King. Eliza-
Whitland. Hannah Gouldson. Standing, June 1827.
Hannah Pope and Ruth Bassett.

The Representatives being called we present that
attended the first sitting.

We have from day to day, during the
sittings of this meeting felt our minds clothed with thank-
fulness to the Father of all our mercies, in that he hath
favoured us with the overshadowings of his regard, and enabled
us to transact the weighty concerns that have come before
us in much love and condescension: we desire gratefully
to bear a lively sense thereof as inducing to an increased
dedication to his Cause, and an entire dependence on Him,
the unfailing source of help and strength.

We conclude intending to meet again (if permitted)
at the usual time and place, next year.

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Abigail Robinson Clerk.

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends the Quaker Meeting of
Horseshoe Lane and the Yearly Meeting of Friends and others held
in London.

Our beloved Friend Anna Smithwick attended this Yearly
Meeting in the years 1826, 1827 and 1828 and a number of other
meetings amongst Friends within its limits, and devoted by appoint-
ment amongst those not of our Society, and visited the Brethren
& Sisters in some meetings. In the exercise of her gifts in the min-
istry, she gave evidence of an humble reliance on Him who hath called
her to minister to his Church and People: - Having clearly in the
Christian faith, she was enabled clearly to exemplify the doctrines of our
Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ and was instrumental in strengthening
the minds of many amongst us. Her life and conversation was such
as became a follower of Jesus Christ and the profession of her faith.

Much sympathy with her in her various trials and afflictions
while in this country has been felt, and having now close
relations at home in this Country, and embarked for her native land,
our fervent desire is, that the Spirit that has hitherto ministered
to her, may continue to preserve and support her through the future period of
her pilgrimage here below, and that the reward of Peace may be her portion.

Signed on behalf, and by direction of the Yearly Meeting of Friends
held in Whitechapel for New-England, by adjournments from the 14th to the 12th
of the 6th month, 1829.

By

Abraham Sherman Jun. Clerk
Chas^r Redman

from our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends - held on Rhode Island
adjournments by giving the 15th of the 6th month to the 13th thereof - 1829.

To the next Yearly Meeting of Women Friends at Virginia.

Dear Friends.

In this our Annual Assembly, our minds have been
renewedly introduced into exercise and concern, from a feeling evi-
dence that the present state of our once favour'd Society, does indeed
call for redoubled vigilance and watchfulness, to "strengthen the things
that remain which are ready to die." May the living members among
us ~~may~~ be encouraged to hold on their way in the Lord, and con-
tinue to trust in Him who hath condescended in unmerited
goodness, to regard our low estate, and by his immediate help to
minister to our necessities, under the peculiar trials of the pres-
ent day.

We would encourage to increased faithfulness and dedica-
tion in the cause of Truth; and to the firm support of our various Testimonies,
knowing that an increase of zeal is greatly wanting in the right main-
tenance of our wholesome Discipline: - deficiencies are sorely felt, apparently,
may we availingly adopt the intercession of the "Prophet" - "Spare thy
People, O Lord! and give not thy heritage to reproach." We impetively
feel that it is important that we should co-operate with Divine grace,
and be found more willing to become a tried People, and that "Patience
may have her perfect work."

Your acceptable Epistle of last year, was read
at this time to our satisfaction and encouragement. We greatly
desire that the youth of the present day, may be encouraged to a con-
currence of mind; and to enter into sympathy with the burden-bearers,
believing there are amongst them, many visited minds, who if faith-
ful, will be strengthened to bear up the hands of those who in seasons of dis-
couragement are ready to faint, and grow weary; hereby would preservation
be experienced, and we believe that many would manifest that they
were building on that foundation, against which, nothing can prevail.

Our minds are frequently led to feel with you in desire
that you may be strengthened by Him, (who remaineth to be the helper
of his dependent children) to continue your sympathy and con-
cern for the degraded condition of the poor Africans: and hope
the time is not far distant when their situation will be
ameliorated.

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We may reverently acknowledge that the Head of the Church, has graciously manifested himself unto us, "rich in mercy.. long suffering, slow to anger, and of great compassion".

The Company of our friend Ann Jones from Europe, together with several other beloved sisters from neighbouring Yearly Meetings, has been truly acceptable,* and edifying.

With the salutation of love we conclude with the encouraging language of our dear Redeemer - "Fear not little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

Signed on behalf of the Meeting aforesaid.

"Pearly" Rodman Clerk.

From our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held on Rhode Island, for New England, by adjournments from the 15th of the 6th month, to the 18th thereof - 1829.

To the next Yearly Meeting of Women - Friends at London..
Dear Sisters.

We are desirous that our Epistolary Correspondence may be maintained in the life, having often witnessed our minds strengthened and encouraged thereby, as at the present time on the reading of your acceptable Epistle.

During the several sittings of this Yearly Meeting, the love of our Heavenly Father, we trust, has so far prevailed, as to unite many of our minds in the fellowship of the Gospel; and to enable us reverently to acknowledge his continued goodness towards us: We therefore engaged to offer you the salutation of our love, with desires that we may continue to "hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering" - even that "faith once delivered to the saints and thus be kept united one unto another in Christ Jesus, our Holy Head: thus shall we be strengthened to persevere in the path-way of truth, and in the support of the various testimonies given us to bear; believing that as we are engaged thus to do, we shall witness the "name of the Lord to be a strong tower, wherunto we may flee, and be safe".

Altho' many of us feel the present to be a day of trial and rebuke - a day in which such discouragements prevail abound, yet seeing that the Compassions of the Lord fails not, may we still be encouraged
* and their Gospel labours, sound.

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engaged to cast all our care upon Him who careth for us; continuing
labour in the ability afforded to become perfect through faith and
perseverance, and become partakers of those gracious promises which
are fulfilled through our Holy Redeemer, "who by one offering, hath pur-
chased for us, them that are sanctified, through suffering with him."

As the state of Society has been spread before us, much
anxiety and travail of spirit has been felt, both on account of the
infirmities that exist amongst us, and for the support of Gospel
work, and the discipline of our Society, in which we have been joy-
ful to harmonize in labour.

We acknowledge as a favour the Company of our
dear Friend Ann Jones from your land, whose Gospel labours have
been truly encouraging and edifying to us.

With the salutation of love, we remain your affectionate
Sisters.

On behalf of the meeting aforesaid.

Ruth^a Goodman. Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends at Ohio.

We are engaged to address you, dear Sisters, and
acknowledge the reception of your acceptable Epistle of 9th mo:
last.

Some of our minds at this time are brought under a renew-
ed, and we trust, humbling sense of the goodness of our Heavenly Father,
in that he is disposed to turn his hand upon us as a Society, ^{our} for good,
that we may become as weaned Children from every uncertain and im-
perfect dependence: - thus shall we be strengthened, and our confidence in-
creased in Him, the never failing helper of his people.

Thus, dear Friends, hath he been pleased to try you, and
many others, even as "gold is tried in the fire", and may we so continue un-
der the refining operation of his Divine Power, that this language may
even be applicable to us - "How hath the Gold become dim, and the
not fine gold changed". And should the hands of any truly exer-
cised be ready to hang down through discouragement and dismay,
at the insinuations of the grand enemy and deceiver of mankind in
some parts of our Society, and on account of the weak and low
state of it in Ohio, may they remember in their encourage-

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ment, the language of the Psalmist, to "those who make the Lord their
refuge, and the most high, their habitation". "Tho' a thousand shall fall
at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand, no evil shall come near
thee - for when clothed with divine authority, "One shall be enabled to chase
a thousand, and two, put ten thousand to flight" - for "their rock is not as
your rock": - and thus the wustling seed of Jacob, may yet arise, though he
be small; though there may be but few to advocate the Lord's cause, he
can save by few, as well as by many; and may every blessing
of the Lord, with you and us, be preserved from becoming
weak and wavering in any part of our Christian faith; practice
or testimonies, shown conformity with the world, and its spirit us
also from setting down in the form of Gallinets, without the
Power.

Many of our beloved young friends have given us
their Company; their quick attention to the concerns that have
come before us, has afforded encouragement to hope, that ^{there} are
amongst them those who are gradually yielding to the re-
newed visitations of Heavenly love, and who by a submission
to the power of the Cross of Christ may in due time be quali-
fied to remain in the Church: so this blessed, the language
of encouragement has freely flowed, and desires have arisen, that
this interesting portion of the family, with us and you may not prolong
their stay in the wilderness through hesitation, but that they may
know the Lord for their Shepherd and be given up to follow him
faithfully, whithersoever he leads; even the worse portion is his people
and who still condescends to lead about and instruct his feeble
dedicated children, and to keep them "as the apple of his eye".

May our dear friends be preserved under an humbling
sense of our guilt - be willing to acknowledge our Divine Father
in all his manifestations, both outward and inward, under a full
belief that he is calling us by his Spirit thence; that he hath
not only given us a portion thereof - the blessed purchase of his
own precious blood, but is now our Intercessor and advocate with
the Father.

The company and religious services of our loved
friend Ann Jones from ²⁷ with several other good neighbour-
ing young sisters, has been very acceptable.

Yours affectionate Clerk.

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To the next Yearly Meeting of Women Friends at Baltimore.
Dear Friends.

In the prevalence of that Christian love, which has in a comfortable degree been felt to prevail during the several sittings of this Yearly Meeting, many of our minds have been humbled under a fresh sense of the continued goodness of our Father of all our sure mercies. In being drawn thus tenderly to salute you dear sisters, we earnestly desire the blessing of being kept under the government and guidance of our Heavenly Head - the Lord Jesus Christ; fully believing, that as we are concerned, reverently to wait for it, we shall be favoured to witness the influence of his Holy Spirit to lead in the way of Truth and Righteousness, and thus be as lights in the world: - a City set on a hill, that cannot be hid - and others "seeing our good works, may be led to glorify our Father who is in Heaven". And may we be favoured, by walking in the light, more and more to experience an inward communion with the Lord in Spirit, and become enabled with the primitive believers to say - "Truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son, Jesus Christ".

As many of our worthy Elders, Ministers and brethren - members in the Church, have of late years, been removed from us by death, we ardently desire that a holy concern may rest on our minds to keep our ranks in righteousness; that in this day of trial we may be favoured with divine support, and at the end, be found ^{also} ready to enter into the rest prepared for the Children of God.

To our young Friends the language is, be encouraged to seek first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness, that so you may be favoured with the counsel of divine wisdom, and by attending thereto, be preserved from the temptations and delusions of the enemy; and thus be prepared to offer the early tribute of love and obedience, so justly due to the author of our being, and fountain of all good, in whom are all our fresh Springs.

A concern has been felt at this time, that

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we, as a religious body, may be preserved, one in faith - one in doctrine, and even one in discipline: and we may "stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel".

In attending to the concerns of the Society that have come before us at this time, much feeling and exertion of which hath been manifested on account of the many difficulties that continue to exist, and some of our minds have sensibly felt the necessity of deepening in the work, that we may yet stand in the world as a "peculiar people, zealous of good works".

On the reading of your acceptable joint Epistle of 10th inst: last, many of our minds were introduced into near sympathy with those in various parts of our religious society, who have had to submit to the trying dispensation of separating from those with whom they have been tenderly united in Gospel fellowship; being favoured to "go up to the house of the Lord in company, taking sweet counsel together": but we are comforted in the hope, that those who stand firm in the faith of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, will be enabled to "thank God, and take courage", and continue to trust in Him, who hath hitherto helped us.

We have at this time been favoured with the company of our friend Mrs. Jones from Europe, and several other friends from our (Woman's) Early Meetings, which with their Gospel services have been acceptable to us.

With the salutation of love, we remain your friends

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

by
Ruth Bodman. Secy.

To the next Yearly Meeting of Friends, I send a few
of our Prints.

In the renewed feeling of Gospel love, we affection-
ately salute you, and can in humble thankfulness acknowledge that
we have been favoured to hold this our annual assembly to a great
degree of satisfaction; having in the several sittings thereof, witnessed
a measure of divine love to be the covering of our spirits. We feel that
it is not a light matter thus to address you, dear sisters, neither
do we do it because it is a practice sanctioned by usage, but
feeling our minds afresh engaged in desires for the spiritual
welfare of the family, we are drawn to offer the language of
encouragement, believing that as we endeavour to keep our
habitations in the truth, we shall, through the aid of our Holy
Saviour, be enabled by example to show forth the fruits of the
Christian religion, and thus be prepared to confute gain-sayers,
as also "put to silence the ignorance of foolish men"; ever
remembering that the strongest testimony we can give for
the efficacy of our religious principles is their efficacy on
our lives, to redeem us from the corruptions that are in the world.

We also feel that the spring of divine love and mercy
is extended to the hindermost of the flock; the most distant of the
children of God, who have wandered from the Father's house in pursuit
of the pleasures of a transitory world:—we desire that these, both with
you and us may yield to the persuasive language of heavenly love,
and turn unto Him, "who was wounded for our transgressions,
and bruised for our iniquities," and thus be favoured to witness a
state of humble contrition, & be baptized by the one Spirit into the
one body, "which brings to the Communion of the Bread of life, and
the new wine of the Kingdom; Union is the true fellowship of the
followers of the Lamb."

And while many feel the presents to be a day of
trial, and perplexity, and of beating down; a day, in which deep
discouragements prevail, on account of the unchristianlike
divisions, that exist in many places in our once united Society; yet
trusting that those who have stood firm for the testimony of Christ,
are ever preserved in unity with the Body at large, and are
favoured to witness divine support and consolation, may none
cast away their confidence in Him, who hath said "My

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grace is sufficient for thee; take continuous time in the temple,
that thou wilt remain to be "strength to those that turn the
battle to the gate."

Your acceptable Epistle of the present year
was rec^d and read to our comfort and encouragement.

The company and Gospel labours of our friends
Ann Jones, and several other friends from neighbouring
yearly meetings, have been acceptable to us.

With the calculation of love, and in the sincere
feeling of tender sympathy with the tribulated soul, we re-
main your friends.

Signed in, and on behalf of the Meeting
by
Euthy "Brotherman".

To the next General Meeting of Women Friends at Indianapolis
Dear Sisters.

On the subject of your letter, the
meeting of the Church of the Women Friends has been
feelingly remonstrated. - "I will show thee how I will
love, and no man can shut it" "you have lost a little strength,
and have kept me poor, and have not given my name".
"I will show thee how I will love, and no man can shut it".
"I will show thee how I will love, and no man can shut it".
"Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will
keep thee in the hour of temptation, which shall come upon thee
as thou wouldst, to try them that dwell upon the earth". The loving
sisters, that as we submit to the guidance of best wisdom,
our minds will become more and more enlightened, and we shall
submit to the design of our Holy Redeemer, concerning us; we shall
give, that we may receive, that we may have the "the Kingdom and
the life with us" and create a new Heaven and a new
Earth, which shall be our righteousness: we shall submit to be as
"sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth
in us". This is the state in the Petition, and we are living, as
the best of the language and authorities, which the Holy Spirit
has given us, we shall be prepared to "take our flight in
the Spirit, as in the Sabbath day" and having "suffered things"

the various propositions, we shall be enabled to carry out our mission
as usual, to explain the doctrines of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus
Christ, and to maintain our ancient Christian testimonies,
and valiant discipline, which we feel to be as a rock
upon which to build.

Your information with respect to the success you have
had among the Indians, was very interesting to us; and
we were glad that your hands may be strengthened yet
more and more in this good work. "In the morning sow
thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand: for
thou knowest not whether it shall prosper, either this, or that;
or whether they shall be both alike good".

We also deeply sympathize with you, dear sister, in
suffering and commiserating the oppressed state of
the African race, and we at this time anxiously thank
God that there are many pious & noble minds interested in
their behalf, and that active exertions are making to
mitigate their sufferings: believing, as we do, that such
exertions are acceptable in the sight of Him, who
"made of one blood, all the nations of men, for to dwell on
the face of all the earth"; and that for sighing of the poor,
and the crying of the needy, He will be wise.

We have been encouraged and strengthened by the con-
stant and good labours of our dear friend Anna Jones from
England; and several other beloved sisters from neighbouring
places, meetings who are now acceptably with us.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends.

Sign'd on behalf of the meeting. By
Ruth, Robinson. Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends at New York.
Dear Sisters.

We have been at this time abundantly
convinced that an Epistolary Correspondence is a medium
through which much good may be imparted, having there-
fore consented and strengthened on the hearing of your
dear letter. Sister's letters have been furnished by
us to the Yearly Meeting, and we are sure it will be

which the ground of our faith has been deeply moved; and the risk of many of the unwary, turned from the "way of the Lord", yet we desire, humbly, and reverently to acknowledge that we are encouraged to believe that there yet remains a living remnant present with you and us, who though the influence of Satan, are enabled to turn the Devil to reject". Saddest experience has taught us that the trial of our faith is more precious than gold; and the ordeal of great price is for those only who are desirous to the inheritance to inherit.

Our minds have been turned with renewed solicitude toward that most interesting period of the journey, the blessed youth: we have some of them situated in a peculiar manner the exercises of the young members of the Church; & we have been made doubly sensible of the necessity of the true saving operation, on the child as well as the adult: we are encouraged to know their faith miraculously preserved on the right foundation, so that they may be enabled to stand in this day of trial which has been permitted to come upon the Church, and to persevere to the end of those who have believed, and are passing from "works to rewards": We believe that the great Sustainer will condescend to dig about his vineyard, and by his preparing hands will quickly and surely gather the fruit, and the harvest, and will steadfastly oppose the invasion of a world of spirits, and change into a faithful discharge of duty, and a firm adherence to the doctrines of the Gospel, as also to the various testimonies so nobly borne by our primitive friends, whose trials and deep sufferings have been feelingly spread before us: May the consideration of their privations their zeal in keeping up their little meetings, even under very discouraging circumstances, excite us to a more faithful support of our Christian testimony in this respect: our minds are at this time renewedly sensible, that if there a neglect in this important duty, we cannot experience a growth in the root of Divine life.

We have had the company of our friend Ann Jones and several other friends from neighbouring Yearly Meetings, and with their Gospel labours have been truly acceptable.

To the next Year. The Society of Women Friends at
North Carolina.

Dear Sisters.

In offering you the salutation of our love,
we believe it right to acknowledge our gratitude to the author
of that we have been permitted again to meet in a
friendly manner, & to part as friends. We trust that our
meeting is not only profitable in his nature, but being
bound to derive strength and encouragement in his cause
from the mutual communication of our feelings and ex-
periences; and that he will ever be a source of
joy, even if we find a cause to our own weakness, & our
sister's weakness. We are in hope that we shall be
with you & People, truly Christian; that they may be
true and for the glory of God, men in heart and
character, knowing that if we are united and built up in
Christ it must be by waiting in faith for the promise
of his Father in heaven: and may we not be
looking for a time when we shall be able to live
in what we believe, as both in tender and repeated
their spirit, and for to them as though it is a weakness
in us in poverty, and a present helper in the needful
time. We may now be in seasons of trial and
unpleasant, but our confidence in them is true
is everlasting strength.

We are comforted in the belief that there are many
of our beloved young friends who are increasingly guided
to the assistance of the true spirit of Christianity. We trust
those of this class both with you and us, be encouraged to per-
sist in the way of holiness, and encouraging to keep the
heart with all diligence, that nothing which is of the
enemy may prevail to mar the ^{30^d} work. And may we all,
dear friends be wrapped with the constant anxiety,
watchfulness and prayer; and of being clothed with holiness
as with a garment.

We would recommend to you, our beloved
sister, a continuance of attention towards the oppressed
Africans, whose situation demands that claim the sympathy

of every feeling mind. May you be encouraged still to
labour in this work:—to do, whatever your hands find to do
and we believe in so doing you will experience a blessing
from Him, before whom the signing of the poor man comes.

We have at this time had the Company of our
friend Ann Jones from Bangor, and several other friends
from neighbouring Yearly Meetings, which with their
Gospel labours have been truly edifying to us.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

by
Ruth, Roxanna. Clarke.

At a Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Newport on
Rhode-Island by adjournment from the 14th to the 18th of the 6th mo.,
inclusive, 1830.

Met, agreeable to the conclusion of last year, and after a
season of retirement, proceeded to business.

We were informed by accounts from the several Quarterly Meet-
ings on Rhode Island, that their Sister Friends residing were as follows viz.
On Rhode Island, Harriet Lewis, Anne S. Perkins, Elizabeth
Merrill, Elizabeth Holburne and Sarah W. in Salem, Ruth
Basset, Mrs. Kane, Alice Chase, Rebecca Gore and Mary Chase. In
Quincy, Sarah W. Hannah W. Sarah W. Anna
Merrill, Mary Lewis and Alice Rogers. In Springfield, Estha-
beth Smith, Elizabeth Brown, Susan W. Clark, Carl and Rachel
Clark. In Hallowell, Lois Merrill, Rebecca Jones and Maria W. Jones.
In Casco Bay, Abigail Nichols, Lucretia Collins, Margaret Larr-
in, Maria Nichols. In Gorham, Miriam Curry, Ruth Menden. In
Portland, Elizabeth B. Curry and Mary W. Brown, who being called, are
present, &c. &c. In the absence of some, satisfactory reasons were
forwarded.

Our beloved friend Thea Field, now acceptably with us,
presented a Certificate from Scipio Monthly Meeting, dated the 17th of 3rd month, which was read at this time.

Resolved that we should be satisfied with the
meeting, which we are informed that Anne S. Perkins is
travelling, visiting in the vicinity of Bangor. At your
meeting last winter, the same friend Smith held his meeting.

(continued in Session, on the 1st of March last) was that before our meeting, the said Minutes, (collectively assembled, and being deliberately considered, was entirely, uniformly and fully approved, as indicating a correct declaration of the Doctrines and testimonies which have always been held by our Society.

We adjourn to the 5th hour this afternoon.

Afternoon. Met, agreeable to adjournment.

Our Boarding School Committee presented the subjoined Report, which was read, and was satisfactory to the Meeting.

Report

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Boarding School Committee desire to state that they have during the past year, endeavored to promote the work as committed to their care by the Yearly Meeting, in the superintendence, instruction, and maintenance, in being able to state that its various concerns have been conducted in a good degree in accordance with the designs of Friends in its establishment. Meetings for Worship have been regularly kept up; and the Family served in harmony.

The School is continued under the immediate charge of Eliza and Lydia Drexel, as Superintendents in which they have the assistance of Stephen and Harriet Gould. — Benjamin W. Huxley, Moses Mitchell, Joseph Hargreaves, Leobach Ramsdell, Lydia B. Allen, and Susan By, have been employed as teachers, during most of the past year, with the exception of Benjamin W. Huxley, whose state of health was such in the autumn, as to render it necessary for him to retire from the School. During his absence, Joseph Hargreaves was employed as an associate teacher. Benjamin W. Huxley is again about to resume the discharge of his former duties; and Moses T. Eastman has been recently engaged as an Assistant in the Boy's department, and Eliza Drexel, in the Girl's.

The average number of Scholars, during the year, has been one hundred and twenty seven.

The accounts of the Treasurer of the Choir-Tune, and of the Superintendent, have been received and audited; and the state of the Fund continues to be such, as to induce the Committee to propose that children for members of the Yearly Meeting, continue to be admitted at the rate of one dollar per quarter, and that

132. Copies of the Minutes of the Society of Friends, of London, published in 1811, and of the Minutes of the Society of Friends, of Philadelphia, 1812, were presented on the 1st inst. Some small alterations, were approved and signed.

When a review of the Committee appointed to stand on the general concerns of Society, it has appeared desirable that an addition may be made to the same. We have therefore appointed Miss To Stone, Lydia Bond, Elizabeth Stokes, Anna H. Jenkins and Elizabeth Davis to the same.

At a meeting of the Society held on the 5th inst.

Afternoon - - Most agreeable to adjournment.

At the evening meeting the Minutes were presented at this sitting, and after some amendment, was approved on as follows - viz: -

Summary

It appears by the accounts received that all our meetings (with a few exceptions in consequence of stormy weather) have been kept up, and some of them attended by most of the members; but a considerable deficiency towards arriving at the regularity and order daily, particularly in the attendance of mid-week meetings, and those for discipline: in some instances, labour has been bestowed upon those who did a concern, or the due attendance thereof, we so called a severe reproof: - and to guard against sleep, and other unbecoming behaviour when assembled.

A good degree of Love and Unity is manifested by most Friends, which does not appear to be maintained by all, in that degree that would subvert the spirit of detraction, and thereby prevent differences: Some care is extended.

There are some in each meeting who appear to feel the importance of a guarded education, and endeavour both by example and precept to train up those under their care, in the way they should go, while it is painful to observe in others a manifest inattention to the subject, and a disregard of the care enjoined by discipline: - some labour on this account, has been bestowed. The Holy Scriptures are read in many families, yet we apprehend not so frequently by all as would be beneficial. Friends are generally careful in regard to the requisitions of the 4th query, except a few instances of attending to the same. It is to be regretted that some Friends are not so diligent in the same.

1834.
The eruptions in our thoughts relative to the reading of the Story of Creation
in the early days, has vainly, indeed, as at this time; and we feel
that the loss of the sacred & precious images of attention hereto: we believe
the early perusal of a portion (how small) of these immortal records, often have
a tendency to strengthen the mind, and to guard it in some measure, from
the invasion of unprofitable thoughts, or undue dissipation; we also
believe, that it often proves to the mind, even of Children, instructive at
the time, and is frequently the means of preserving them from a desire
to read the many productions which abound, the perusal of which is
often harmful, and their effects more or less felt, during life. But the sacred
volume, when frequently and attentively read, riches the mind with materials
for every occasion:—provides, thought with consolation, sometimes to live with
fewer sorrows, when under the pressure of affliction, or sickness; and in
old age, the benefits are often cheeringly felt; even when the outward
eye has become dim—when the activity of our brains, have ceased—the
store-house of memory contains a source of satisfaction and comfort which
is fresh and green when the earthly tabernacle is sinking into decay.

Under the prevalence of that love which would "gather
the Church"—mothers have been reminded of the importance of the Christian
education of their children—of the responsibility which rests upon them in regard
to the faithful performance of their maternal duties, in forming the mind, cul-
tivating the heart, and instructing their offspring in those truths which pertain
to peace and salvation:—this, under the law, was given in charge to
the father to teach diligently to their Children.—"and of them whom
you shall find in thy house, and when thou hast them, and when thou resist
est." [Deut. vi. 7] This, was a command with promise: and we have believed
that this teaching, becomes our duty to our Children in very early life—as
"as soon as they are able"—as mind expands, when infantile enquiries are first excited,
the perceptions are alive to objects around; it is then that the attentive mother
should commence a course of instruction which should have a tendency to
lead the mind "in the way it should go"—and here, the mind being pro-
perly, a gradual advancement in the just principles would be witnessed, which
though often disregarded for a time, would (we believe) never be forgotten; we have
no doubt but the knowledge of even the sublime truths of the Gospel, im-
parted to Children by the concerned Parent, in the simplicity of truths, and under a
sincere sense of the solemn obligation, would be intelligible to the mind
even in very early childhood.

We have been comforted in the reading of some

conclusions of London Yearly Meeting in relation to those persons, & meetings, who, from the admission of principles and doctrines contrary to what we believe to be the true Christian faith, have become alienated from the Body. Our friends there, disclaim all connection and fellowship with individuals and meetings so estranged from the ancient foundation; they fully and clearly declare their belief in, and adherence to the principles and practices of Friends from the earliest periods of our religious Society. It is truly cause of thankfulness, (and we have been counsel'd to cherish feelings of gratitude for the favour) that there are persons amongst us in England & America who are concerned to "walk by the same rule, & mind the same thing"; who can speak each other in a language, unbounded, but intelligible, consoling and confirming.

The joint Committee of men and women Friends were appointed to visit the subordinate meetings &c presented a Report to this meeting which is accepted, and is as follows:—viz:—

"The Committee of Men and Women Friends continued last year to visit each of the Quarterly & Monthly Meetings as many might open for, and necessity appear to require, have said some things to their appointments, and a part of their number have visited several of the meetings, and endeavoured to discharge the duty which appertained to their appointment. We are united in thinking the common care of the Society, especially in relation to the extension of the cause, is still necessary to be extended in such manner as wisdom may point out.

On behalf of the Committee,

Thomas Howland.

Hannah Gould Gunn.

Newport 6th mo: 16th 1830.

and this meeting, born a belief that usefulness would result from a continued extension of care, have united with the men's meeting in committing the nomination of a Committee for this purpose to the "Committee on the general concerns of the Society."

An Epistle to the Yearly Meeting of ^{Women} Friends at Ohio, was presented and read—and being approved, was signed.

We adjourn to the hour at which our men friends may conclude to meet to-morrow.

...the ...
 ...as they may open for ...
 ...to the 2nd hour, to morrow morning.
 ...to adjournment.

Our friends submitted to the consideration of the ...
 ...interested to become
 ...Discipline viz:-

The ...
 ...under the view of this meeting,
 ...deliberate consideration, and
 ...that the construction of our Yearly
 ...defined in the ...
 ...that our members be not allowed to marry a
 ...sister, or a deceased brother's
 ...be considered as the construction to be
 ...Discipline."

He fully united with them in the adoption thereof.
 This meeting has also united with that of
 ...in the subject of the following ...
 ...presented to the ...
 ...of the ...

The interesting subject of Education in a
 ...of the Youth of this Society is
 ...obtaining a more extended education
 ...into ...
 ...having been ...
 ...by a member of the School Committee, who
 ...that had occurred in ...
 ...in a member of our Society, for such
 ...to introduce the sub
 ...the meeting, and resulted in
 ...to the ...
 ...to be appointed for the ...
 ...of the ...
 ...to provide ...
 ...they taking special care that the ...
 ...may be ...

... by the interesting ... who is ...
 ... should they be ... the ... of employing
 such an one?

A joint Certificate for our ...
 ... was presented, read and ...
 The Clerk is authorized to forward ...
 the Epistles ... together with ...
 ... to our ... meetings.

The Representatives being called on ...
 ... the joint sitting.

We were abundant ...
 ... that the ...
 ... by the ...
 ... the ...
 ... and we ...
 ... the ...
 ... may be preserved unto us, and we be animated to ...
 with increased alacrity the path of duty.

We conclude, intending to meet again ...
 at the usual time and place next year.

Sign'd on behalf of the ...

By

Ruthie Rodman Clerk

To the Monthly Meeting of Morley & the Surrounding
 Meeting of Churches and Associations and the Yearly
 Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London.
 Dear Friends.

This meeting being informed that
 George and Ann Jones have a perfect knowledge of the
 natives in many places in this country and that they
 have an expectation of being on long at length to return
 to their native land, it seems right for us to inform you
 that they very respectfully attended this family meeting
 in the year 1827 and again in 1829 and visited a
 few meetings belonging thereto. In the exercise of their
 gifts in the ministry they were enabled to hold
 forth a clear testimony to the doctrines of the Christian
 religion, and faithfully to warn those to whom they
 ministered against the spirit of infidelity which had
 in a horrible manner made great inroads into the
 Society of Friends in some sections of this country.

With feelings of Unity and sympathy, and
 warm desires for their preservation and safe
 return to their friends in their native land
 with the reward of peace, our love and our wishes
 shall be accomplished in measure.

Yours &c. &c. &c.
 Signed by meeting and on behalf of the
 Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England,
 held on Rhode Island from the 13th to the 15th
 inclusive of the 6th month 1830

by
 Abraham Shuman
 Clerk
 Ruth Rodman Clerk.

140. To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends at
London.

Dear Sisters.

As it is by one Spirit that we are baptised into
one Body, and made partakers together of one Cup; so may
by the inward working of one Spirit, we be enabled to communi-
cate this inward instruction & consolation.

In this way, when the oppression of the Spirit is
eminently displayed, and many by turning to its glo-
rious standard have become convinced of the reality and
superiority of those testimonies which have been unceasingly
confirmed by the Spirit that we should have a testimony
that is a renewed and powerful appeal to us as a People, to
minister by our words & faith one to another, that the per-
secution is not in vain.

The spirit of discernment is not confined
within our limits, but we are aided within in our searching
by those who surround us:— hence the necessity of the con-
sistency of our principles being exemplified by the consistency
of our practice:— thus clearly winning, that "Discernment is justified
in the Church."

"Truth without works is dead":— but living faith,
which operates by love in the purifying of the heart, being
the constant of things hoped for, and the witness of things
not seen, by which the Church obtained a good liberty, being
the gift of God, through Jesus Christ, my Lord" is realized by
the witness in this way, to be a consistent, efficacious prin-
ciple, strengthening the mind, and sustaining those who have
enlisted in the engagement of the Saviour's cause to endure hard-
ships as good soldiers— maintaining their ranks in righteousness— con-
fidently going forward, through good report, and evil report; Confiding in
the arm of God's strength, and indignantly repelling, "None of
these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself."

I have believed in the doctrine of Christianity, it is well
known. "Walk as in day, and as unto the Lord:— for the
Lord is our light." Mark ye well her footsteps; Consider her labours; that
we may be "in the same path." "God is true in his
accusations" — we may realize, through the intercession

I am convinced that the only way to be united with a body of
infinites, and certainly within that body, is to be united with
any enjoy communion and fellowship with the Father and the
Son. That as the Lord made nothing perfect as pertaining to the
nature, the bringing in of a better hope, and, certainly we desire
right and good.

May the aged, who with you and us, by a patient
waiting - waiting as in the temple - having their lamps
trimmed and burning, wait for this divine inspiration - this
inspiring presence - "Love, better than any commandment, shall be
in mine ear have seen thy salvation." And thus in
the midst of life, be strengthened by the presence of Him
who is able to be a consolation, and also a comfort, a light
to enlighten the Gentiles - and the glory of his Father's house."
Thus will those who are entering upon the course of action
engagements in the concerns of living, be enabled to be
winning mothers, who will be qualified to instruct by their
example, and animate by the cheering influence of medi-
cation. Thus, will the Children be gathered and nurtured un-
der the protection of their parental solicitude - and grow up
as olive plants, and be refreshed by the teachings of the Father
of whom doctrine drops as the rain, and as the dew, as
distills as the dew - for "the words which He speaketh, they are
life and they are life".

Thus, our universal gathering has been made, and is
now owned by the great Head of the Church.

We have been comforted and strengthened in hear-
ing the declaration of our faith, as proposed by the general
conference, and is "We believe in one God - Father, Son, and Holy
Spirit, we as a united body, speak one language.

With the sanctification of love, we remain your friends,
and slaves.

We acknowledge the receipt of your interesting and long
letter of last year, which has been read at this time to our com-
munity. ~~The letter has been read to the community~~
and we are glad to hear of your success.

Signed on behalf of the meeting, by
Ester Woodman Clark.

the Church at Ephesus, seemed to be the language of
our hearts. — "Be strong in the Lord, and in the power
of his Word." And altho' you may at times feel, as express
yourself, "I am weary of my warfare," yet you will find
since the unspeakable consolation which arises from a
the Father, and with his Son, Jesus Christ — and having
performed it, as to exalt his name — attended with an encore,
by supported, will pursue us a People, to the strain of this
who hath promised that he will not leave nor forsake this

the weekly assembly, has been a source of
which affords the interesting prospect of
may be removed both among you and us: — These we would en-
our to encourage to a perseverance in the attainment of
which you will find in the Church of Christ.

concerned in Philadelphia in the 7th Mo: last, has been read,
and dutifully and willingly united with by the meeting.
We have had the acceptable company of several friends
then, feeling as we do with a salutation of love we remain

rising generation have been the objects of affectionate solicitude; and that this class, every where, in our highly civilized society, would by pondering the paths of their feet, and come at the iniquities; that we are passing from the stage of action, may be changed with respect to a concession of faithful standard-bearers, such as would support all inconsistent doctrines of the Christian faith, and the influence of the Cross, and sustain with firmness our peculiar doctrines. As it becomes their united concern we believe their words again will, as in his ancient beauty - and we become more and more as

It was interesting to us to hear that the religious community continued to engage your attention and interest your prayers - and that the People of Color are still the objects of your concern.

The "Declaration", prepared in Philadelphia in the 7th month, by the United Committee, has been read, and fully united.

With the salutation of love, we affectionately bid you farewell.
 Signed on behalf of the Committee,
 E. P. Smith, Secy.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends at Indiana
 Dear Sisters.

In a fresh spring of Divine love, which we may reverently acknowledge has been mercifully extended to us at this season, whereby our minds have been humbled, and our spirits livingly engaged for the help, strength and encouragement of one another in the most holy faith do I salute you. Notwithstanding the discouragements that appear in our weakness, and sense of unworthiness that we feel, we have at this time derived encouragement from the cheering assurance, that the Lord is still with us, and that He will more than make good those who are engaged to "fight the battle to the gate". May we therefore by a continued humble trust in Him, who has called for us, endeavour to labour in the ability afforded to be perfected through faith and obedience, and thus become partakers of those gracious promises which are fulfilled through our Holy Redeemer. This is by frequently relying on the Lord, that our strength is renewed, and we enabled to persevere in the work assigned us. To the right understanding, we believe that the increase of our love, peace, joy, and purity of spirit, in which they have felt, that "an increase in the increase of God was

To the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Friends at Philadelphia.
Beloved Friends.

Your acceptable communication is just received and read at this time, and in a consideration of the subject therein mentioned, relative to the Yearly Meeting, our hearts have been drawn into sympathy and fellow feeling with you, arriving at the conclusion that the measure was a necessary one, leading to this conclusion: - and tho' we are not fully acquainted with all the facts which may have induced the belief that it would be right to discontinue a Meeting so early established, and so usefully sustained, yet your letters, on the reading of your Epistle, and again searching for it, we have believed, that tho' the number may appear to you to be very small and feeble; that there are still left, as it were, two or three in the wilderness - four or five in the outer darkness. "Branches thereof," - and the query has arisen - "Will not the new vine be found in the cluster?" - If so, the Command is, "destroy it not, for a blessing is in it." We feel much solicited that you may be led on, under the guidance of that Wisdom, which is profitable to direct, and that whatever may be the result, it will be found in introspection with satisfaction, and the Consoling assurance that you have sought the Counsel of Him, who "will be a Father in families" - who can save by many, or by few, and whose animating assurance to his faithful followers and devoted servants remains to be - "Fear not little flock - for it is your Father's good pleasure, to give you the Kingdom".

Our Yearly Meeting has been long; and in the various concerns which have come before us much harmony has prevailed; and we feel thankful for the favour which is continued to us, that the language of Christian Fellowship is still the same; and the ancient badge of discipleship designates the faithful in every land.

We have often been led to commiserate the situation of the African descendants, and to feel for those who are so situated as daily to behold their degradation, their privations and sorrows, without ability to afford them relief, or to encourage them in hope for a termination of suffering and bondage.

The Declaration prepared by the General Committee of Conference, convened in Philadelphia last year, has been read, and fully assented to by this meeting.

We have at this time the acceptable company of some friends from neighbouring yearly Meetings, whose religious services have been strengthening us.

With a renewed salutation of Love, we bid you
adieu.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting - by
Ruth Stearns Secy.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends at North Carolina
Dear Sisters.

Under an humbling sense of the continued
condescension of our Heavenly Father, as we engage thus
to salute you, gratefully acknowledging, that He, who hath been
pleased, in mercy to renew upon the minds of many, in this
our Yearly Meeting, the refreshing influences of his love, has
called us to attend to the weighty concerns of society that
have come before us in much love, in which the Union of the
spirit, in the bond of peace, hath been felt, to the comfort of those
who keep their hearts in harmoniousness, and are truly comforted in
spirit that the "lightnings may go forth with brightness, and
the salvation thereof, as a lamp that burneth". And may we all
continue engaged to encourage one another by precept and
example, frequently to repair to the "Watch tower" that we may
individually witness a deepening in the love of immortal life,
realizing that our dwelling is in the spirit and Power of God,
which in seasons of trial will be found to be an "hiding place from
the wind, a covert from the tempest - and as the shadow of a rock
in a weary land".

Altho' in a view of the wonderful deficiencies that
we apparent amongst us, we have cause for lamentation, yet we
have at this time been remarkably comforted in the belief that
there remains a united band of devoted laborers, who feel bound
to the law, and to the testimony of truth in Christ Jesus our Lord:
and we humbly trust there are among those in early life,
many who have so far yielded to the visitations of the love of
our Heavenly Father, as to make a true progress in the Christian
faith: we tenderly embrace all such, both with you and us, so

more in the way of faithfulness, that so, all the gracious intentions of the
light may be expected on them; that thus this divine mercy
may be secured in a faithful standard bearer of the cause of
truth.

Our minds have been drawn in sympathy to the
cause of the colored as to the efforts for the
emancipation of the colored people in their
own country: may you be encouraged to extend
your assistance from time to time as may be
convenient to you.

A statement of the annual doings and doings
of the Society, prepared by the General Committee, presented
at Philadelphia in the 11th month last, was read in this meeting,
and cordially received.

We acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th
and to our satisfaction.

The copying and binding of the
yearly meeting have been completed at this time.

We much enjoy the
meeting.

Signed on behalf of the meeting, by
E. R. Rodman. Clerk.



To the next Yearly Meeting of Women Friends at Philadelphia.
Dear Sisters.

In humbly commending you to the
kind remembrance of the several sittings of this, or annual as-
sembly, for the season of 1844, we have many of our friends
who have been baptized into a glorious service, and who are
now in this time, in which, counsel and encouragement
are as the rain, and distilled as the dew on the tender
herb.

There has been a lively concern manifested, that our
missionaries and others should be rightly instructed
in the principles of the Gospel, particularly, the principles
of our religious meetings; believing, that an omission
in this important matter, involves a state of
neglect, and a neglect of the cause of Christ is
our duty, and as the cause of Christ is
our duty.

the faithful, seeking after a right qualification to walk in the
 presence of a kind & merciful Father, who is ever a pre-
 sence with us, to "mend our souls a wing, exulting, holy
 and acceptable unto God."

We have been comforted in reading your acceptable
 letters, and those of the yearly meetings on this Continent, believing
 his Communion through divine aid hath not only been a
 cause of interesting communication but a blessing to the Church,
 through which we are sometimes made one another's helper
 and joy in the Lord.

May, then, either amongst you or us, give way to un-
 comfortable discouragements, and thereby be induced to "sow sparingly"
 for they that sow sparingly, shall reap also sparingly; but rather by
 patient continuance in well doing, seek for glory, and honour,
 and immortality; eternal life. Let us prove ourselves in all things
 worthy the vocation wherunto we are called, that we may be
 included with those whom the Apostle address'd as followers of
 the Lord; who having "received the word in much affliction with
 joy of the Holy Ghost were ensamples to all that believe" - from
 whom sounded forth the word of the Lord, not only in Macedonia
 & Achaia, but also in every place, their faith to
 God was spread abroad.

In turning our attention towards you, dear sisters,
 at this time an interest is felt in some of our minds for those
 in the wilderness of life, upon whom is resting the weighty
 and important concerns of society: many have been re-
 moved, not only from us, but from your borders, who were "living
 stones" in the Church of Christ; adorned in their profession by the
 Christian humility, and sanctity of their spirits; continuing to
 the end, as "pillars in the Lord's house, that went no more out."
 May the precious remembrance of these worthies, who are now
 translated into the "glorious assembly, and Church of the first born
 whose names are written in Heaven" - prove a stimulus to
 those who succeed them, to persevere in supporting the same
 dignified Cause: - "to walk by the same rule, and to mind
 the same thing."

O.T.
 Ourselves in Christ, are affectionately
 united to "the sheep of the flock" - to "watch, and become
 * to receive their mantle

again to the promises of the Heavenly Father: as you are
disposed to become companionable to his disciples, you will be fed
and instructed; the ground work of your heart will be culti-
vated and enriched; the wilderness will become as Eden; the
solitude the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be
abundant, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

We have had the acceptable company of several
kind friends from other yearly meetings, which was very
satisfactory to us.

The "United testimony prepared by the
Committee of Conference", commenced in Philadelphia,
in the 4th month last, has been read, and fully united
with.

With a sincere affection of love, we remain your
friends.

Signed on behalf of the meeting . . . by
Ruth, & Edman. Clerk.

At a Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport, on Rhode-Island, for New-England, by adjournments from the 13th to the 19th of 6th month - 1831

Met, agreeable to the conclusion of last year; and after a season of retirement, proceeded to business.

We are informed by our several Quarterly Meetings that their Representatives respectively, are as follows. - viz: For Rhode-Island - Susan Ann. Buffum, Lucas Paine Lydia C. Smith, Ann Hopkins, Ruth Buffington and Amy Amos. - For Salem - Lydia Page, Miriam B. Jones and Alice Chase, Mary E. Budd, and Abigail Miller. For Sandwich, Susanna Gardiner, Anna Incecumbe, Hannah Davis, Luke Sage, Mary King, Alice Rogers, Rhoda Howard, and Rachel Swain. - For Smithfield Alice Rathbone, Mary B. Allen, Sarah Shore Mary Thayer, Hannah Arnold and Ruth Fay. - For Uxbridge, Sarah Pope Elizabeth Taylor, Rebecca Taber Martha Coons and Mary Weston. - For Wrentham - Miriam Bartland, Jane Bradley, Phebe Cobb and Ruth Douglas. - For Dover - Phebe Meade, Mary W. Brown, Anna Jenkins, and Hannah Lacey - who being called are present except one, for whose absence a satisfaction ^{reason} was forwarded.

Accounts from the Quarterly Meetings have been read, by which we are informed that Sandwich Society has united with Dartmouth Association in abhorring the human sacrifices in the Ministry of Hebraic States; and with New Bedford in the appointment of Mary Rowland to the station of an Elder; - and that Salem Church has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in opposing the public appearance of the Ministry of Zion Church.

Our friend James Jonathan and Hannah C. Backhouse from Weymouth were on a religious visit in this land, presented a religious tract, published by the Society of Friends, held at Dartington, the 11th of 5th month, and judged by Quaker Quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich on the 11th of 6th month, together with one from the Meeting of Friends at Wrentham held in Sandwich by adjournment on the 17th of 6th month, and 28th of 6th month, 1830 - each expressive of Unity and of sympathy with our sister and friends in more distant

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Continuation of Names. Crossed

Rebecca Ratcliffe

John Howard

William Newhall

Susan Taber

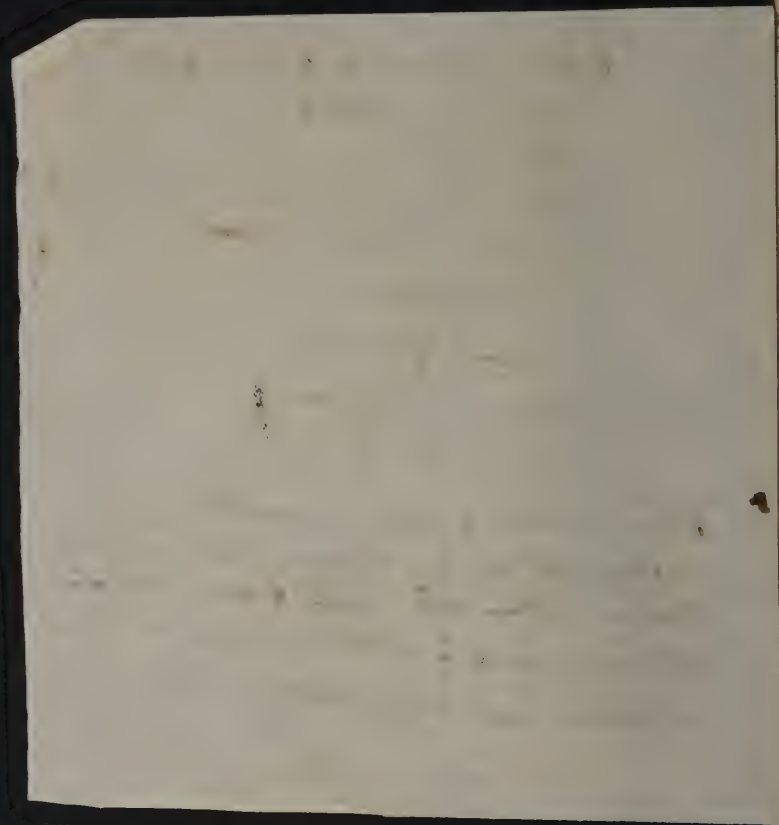
Mary Payson

Mary Brackett

Lydia Howland

Margaret B. Barker

These names were omitted by
reason of their having been men-
tioned after the list (from which
the minute was taken) was thought
to have been completed.



... has been truly acceptable to us.

... for the Southern district dated 5th Mar 25
... checking held 6th month 1st for Mary B. King: - from
... for Mary B. King, ...
... Friends being more acceptably with us.

We have received from our interesting Sisters from
... Carolina and Virginia, which have been read at this
... and encouragement.

The subject of addressing our beloved Sisters at
... having come under consideration at
... we have selected Mrs. Guinevere ...
... Mary ...
... as Truth may open the way?

We have appointed the ...
... Lydia ...
...
... with ... that ...

The Representatives ...
... and deliberated upon the choice of Clerks; and were
... in hoping the ...

... Hannah Gould ... which being satisfactory to this meeting

The Minutes have been read and approved. The next business was the reading of the Minutes of the last Yearly Meeting, which were also read and approved.

The Men Friends submitted to the consideration of the following "Proposition" from Ohio Yearly Meeting,

"The appointment of a Committee to unite with other Friends in several Yearly Meetings on this Continent in the capacity of a General Committee, to take into consideration the general interests of the Society, and any subjects which may appear to be connected with the prosperity of the body at large was taken into weighty deliberation. And the Meeting believing it not only desirable that there should be a more perfect agreement of the disciples in the respective Yearly Meetings, in some of their decisions, but that the recurrence of such an assembly under the influence of the Holy Spirit of the Father, entering into a united exercise for the welfare of the Society, and the establishment of testimonies, and in that wisdom which He might graciously afford directing their attention and giving their advice to the Yearly Meetings on any subject in which the Society possessed a common interest, with a tend to strengthen the bonds of Gospel fellowship; unite us more closely together as one body, and thus promote the great object for which our Meetings and Discipline were originally established - It was with much unanimity concluded to recommend the subject to the consideration of the several Yearly Meetings, proposing if the same should be united with that they may respectively appoint Committees to meet in Philadelphia the last second day in the 1st month next year for these interesting and important objects. And that they should also take into consideration, and propose to the different Yearly Meetings, their judgment as to the times and places of holding the Meetings of such General Committees in the future, should such Committees be hereafter appointed."

With the recommendation that they should be united with the subject to the consideration of the General Committee of the Society - and we, concurring with them in the measure, have also united with them in the resolution of the case.

We adjourn to the hour our men Friends may conclude to meet to-morrow.

3rd day, afternoon. Met, at the 4th hour.

The General Committee of the Society continuing much interested and deeply interesting counsel has been read to our Committee and the Minutes of the last Yearly Meeting, and the Minutes of the last Yearly Meeting.

Miss Davis, Abigail Arnold, Abigail Davis and Ruth Waples are appointed to prepare endorsements to place on the Minutes of our beloved Sisters who are now with us from neighbouring Yearly Meetings.

We adjourn to the hour the men may meet to-morrow.

May.

The summary from the Minutes was presented and read, and some alterations, approved:—(and is recorded at the End of this book.) It was designed to have followed this minute, but was accidentally omitted.

The many repititions exhibited to our view by the Slaves, the Slaves has painfully affected the minds of many in the free world; the subject of the due attendance on our religious meetings, has been, which has claimed the solid and weighty attention of many, and minds as involving a duty, highly important to us as a nation. Much has been expected, and we have been feelingly admonished to pass through the many hindering things which occur in domestic life; and to view a distance in this important duty, an impediment to the progress of the cause.

An increased attention to the daily business of the House, in our families, has also been solemnly recommended to us, being a practice from which other benefits might be derived:—we may believe that where this practice prevails—where the mind is ever new from day to day, to draw from this source, toward a vigorous intellect, and endurance, an increasing love can still be felt to discharge its rights and Christian obligations, our several duties both civil and religious.

Our dear Young Sisters have been tenderly counselled to avoid such reading, as has a tendency to corrupt the taste—vitalize the mind, and darken the understanding:—the perusal of Novels, and other publications, which are so common in the present day, are considered to be a practice calculated to open a taste for the most vicious, and unwholesome and instructive writings, by which means the purest and most valuable writings, which are so abundant, are left unperused, and the mind is left in a state of ignorance and darkness, until this state is corrected by a more diligent perusal of the Holy Scriptures, and the writings of the great and good men of the past, who have left a record to the world, and to posterity.

We have been affectionately advised to cultivate the love of domestic and sewing, and to that this counsel was given in the language of experience, and under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

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The subject relative to the continuance of the present, or the nomination of a new Committee is referred to the Committee on the general concerns of Society.

proposed

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, that their meeting, which is now held at Falmouth on the 5th day, before the first 6th day in the 9th month, should after the present year be held at Windham at the same time: - this Meeting unites with that of the Men, in the proposed alteration of place.

The following report from the General Committee has been read, and the proposition united with: the subject is again referred to said Committee for further consideration. *Unanimously.*

The joint Committee of Men and Women united, &c. &c. &c. - was referred a report, that having met, and seriously deliberated on the proposition for appointing Committees to watch and confer on subjects, relating to the general interests of the Society, as proposed by the Yearly Meeting of Ohio; they are united in proposing to the Yearly Meeting, to appoint such a Committee, to confer with Committees appointed by other Yearly Meetings - - and to report the result of their Conference to our next Yearly Meeting.

We adjourn to the hour at which our Men Friends may conclude to meet to-morrow.

5th day - *Wednesday* - Meets at the 4th hour.

The subjects respecting a Committee of Correspondence, which was yesterday, committed to the Committee on the General Concerns of Society, having been again introduced and deliberated upon, has resulted in the conclusion that it would be right, for this Meeting to unite with that of our Men Friends in the appointment of a Committee for the purpose specified in said Instruction; and in pursuance thereof, we have appointed Elizabeth Wing, Lydia Beebe, Hannah Collins, Mary W. Allen, Abigail P. Stone and Susan Wendland to that service.

Some of the letters to the Society in Maine & Philadelphia.
In both, Virginia, Georgia and Indiana are printed and
read and approved. Considerable progress made, and papers for the
next meeting.

The adjourn till the time, our own papers may be
a meeting.

Friday - 11th of the 10th mo.
A chemical storm Rhode Island meeting, con-
ferring our dear departed friend David Buffum, has been read at
his time to our comfort and encouragement.

Entirements to give on the minutes from friends from
lightening heavy labors, has been read and approved.

The General Committee have submitted the following
names as our Boarding School Committee for the present year viz:
Mary A. Robinson. Miss Kane. Mary Buffington. Rhoda Howland.
Elizabeth Barker. Elizabeth Wing. Peter Cobb (of Gosham) (Miss)
Redman. Mary B. Allen. Hannah Collins. Arigail Robinson. Anna
A. Jenkins. Arigail Arnold. Elizabeth Congdon. Elizabeth Day
now. Hannah Dennis. Mary Tabor. Alice Eastbone. Susan How-
land. Susanna Gardner. Sarah Barnard. Mary Chase (of Salem)
Mary Chase 2nd. Susan Ann. Buffum. Hannah Gould Jun. Mary
W. Brown. Alice Chase. Maria Christian. Newhall. Mary G. Anthony
and Fry. Mary Dockray. Elizabeth Osborn. Sarah L. Tobey. Mary
A. Enner. Elizabeth R. Nichols. Elizabeth Medco and Caroline
Tobey.

which are united with by this meeting, and they are according
to the order of the Society.

The joint Committee of Men and Women presents to
its subordinate meetings and individuals, presented the following
Report.

The joint Committee to visit subordinate meetings &c.
which, that we have attended to our appointments and some of our
members have, at different times visited those meetings, and individ-
iduals, where it appeared most necessary, and labored in the
ability, offered for their help: and although we have ground to
believe, that our labors have not been altogether in vain, we
trust the continuance of the Committee may continue.

but to be faithful."

On behalf of the Committee.

Benjamin Brewster.

Elizabeth King.

Sept. 11th of 6th month 1831.

which is satisfactory: and after deliberating upon the subject we have concluded to continue to the service those Friends who formed the Committee last year.

Essays of Epistles to Kentucky, Ohio, and North Carolina, were presented, read, and approved.

The Clerk is authorized to forward Transcripts of the Epistles, which we have rec^d at this time - together with some extracts from these Minutes, to our several Quarterly Meetings.

The Representatives being called, are present that attended the first sitting.

The several sittings of this Meeting, have been seasons wherein we have experienced the wing of angels' feet to be extended to the humbling of our minds: we desire with a grateful, and abiding sense of this favour, may ^{it} attend our minds, which may prove strengthening to us, and be as "lead cast upon the waters; Ground, after many days."

We conclude, intending, if permitted, to meet again at the usual time, and place, next year.

Sign'd, on behalf of the Meeting

Benjamin Brewster. Clerk.

and that religious services are a large accession.

We have, in union with our inner friends, appointed a Committee to meet with the Committee appointed by the Yearly Meetings (that have entered into the measure) as proposed by the Yearly Meeting.

With the resolution of doing so bid you farewell.

Yours in behalf of the Meeting. &c.

Joseph Sturge Esq.

Wm. L. Newman Esq.

to the Young Meeting of Women Friends at New York.

Dear Sisters,

It is, we trust, with a feeling of warm gratitude, that we acknowledge, that during the several visitings of this our Annual Meeting, we have witnessed a coming of Divine good, which has strengthened us in Gospel Ministry, under the influence whereof, many minds have been humbled, from a deep feeling of our unworthiness, and the continued goodness of Him, who said — "Let not your hearts be troubled — ye believe in Me — believe also in Me" — and we humbly trust, that it is, in a degree of that feeling which hath "so fallen," that we are drawn thus to salute you, dear Sisters; desiring that it may not be in the letter, but in that spirit which quickeneth and quickeneth life, that we heartily may be mutually comforted, and strengthened in that living faith, which works by love, to the purifying of the heart; and enable to "press forward toward the mark, for the prize of the high calling of God, in Christ Jesus, our Lord"; that thus, through Divine mercy, we may, by example say — that "neither principalities nor powers; things present, or to come" — shall separate us from the love of God, in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

We are comforted in believing, that there are, in the different parts of our widely extended religious Society, some amongst the beloved Young Friends, who are disposed to come up in faithfulness to the help of the Lord, against the mighty — thus convincing, that they "prefer Jerusalem above their chief joy" — and the Lord of our minds hath been, that each may continue to yield to the best impressions of Divine grace; that they, by inward reflection, and watchfulness with prayer, may cultivate and cherish the precious and heavenly visitations graciously renewed to them.

may be kept united one unto another, in Christ Jesus our Holy Head; and that we may be enabled to "thank God and take courage" - steadily pursuing in the support of our Christian's testimonies: firmly believing, that as we are engaged thus to do, we shall witness the Lord to be our " Refuge from the storm - and a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the tempest is, as a storm against the wall."

And now I bid a "fare thee many adieu" - to a "fare thee well, and prosperity, and leading down" - a day, in which many discouragements prevail; yet may we continue to persevere, humbly, in Him who is able to uphold us, and who hath said "my grace is sufficient for thee," believing that He, will remain to be "strength to those that turn the battle to the gate."

In the accounts that have come up from the several branches of this meeting, we are profoundly affected in noticing various deficiencies, yet we are encouraged in the belief, that there are many who feel bound to the Lord, and to the testimonies of truth. And we desire earnestly, that our beloved young friends, may be encouraged to make an establishment on the only sure foundation: - to write in frequent watchfulness for divine instruction; - and through the obedience of truth, be enabled, steadily to pursue the path of duty, and thus deepen in the rock of life, that they may stand as pillars in the Church: - and may we all, dear friends, be impelled with the necessity of "Watchfulness, unto Prayer" - and of being clothed with Humility, as with a garment, whereby we may be favoured to witness an increasing witness of spirit even in advanced age; and the hope strengthened that an admission will be finally granted into the exulting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Your acceptable Epistle of 10th month last, was received; and read at this time, to the comfort & encouragement of many minds. We have been favoured to attend to the various important concerns that have come before us in harmony and love, and have had the company of our beloved friend Hannah C. Sackham from Europe; together with several other friends from neighbouring yearly meetings, which with their gospel labours have been acceptable and edifying.

We are united with the friends meeting in appointing a Committee of Concurrence, (equally to the proposition made

by Ohio Yearly Meeting I to meet with Committee & approved
other Yearly Meetings that have entered into the measure.

In Love we salute you, and bid you Farewell.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting. by
Wm. L. Chapman. Secy.

Jan 6th 1831.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends at Virginia.

Dear Sisters,

Your Epistle of last month has been received, and we have
been enabled feelingly to participate in the encouraging views with which
you have been favoured, regarding the situation of your meeting, as it re-
pects the diminution of numbers, and the trials which have been from time
to time, your experience, and altho' these may still continue to attend, yet
we are comforted in believing, that the conclusion in relation to the con-
tinuance of your Yearly Meeting is urged by Him who is the Crown and
Director of all rightly gathered assemblies, and who still affords his
presence, to the two or three gathered in His Name.

Our Yearly Meeting is large; and we have cause of gratitude in
the belief, that the Arm of Divine Power has been ^{from the earliest} unanimous glorious sup-
port in the prevalence of that Love, which has for ages, to the present
day, designated the flock, and been the badge of discipleship: in the
past arisings which much exercise has been felt, and expended for
the promotion of the Cause of Union. The daily reading of the Holy Scrip-
tures has been recommended as having a tendency, under the influence
of truth, to strengthen the mind, to persevere in the support of the various
testimonies which we are required to bear, in the Church, in the world, &
in our domestic relations.

We were glad to hear of the interest and concern of friends, in
our land, for the relief of the oppressed Africans, and the improvement
of the Indian natives; and we desire that this may be kept in view
in every heart, although, there may be much to discourage the hope, but
the result will be successful and satisfactory.

We have at this time the company of our beloved friend Hannah C.
Bachouse from Europe - with several other friends from neighboring
Yearly Meetings, which with their Gospel labours have been acceptably
succeeding.

We have united with our friends in affectionate

a Committee to meet with those of other Yearly Meetings who have entered into the measure) agreeable to the resolution made by this Yearly Meeting.

We salute you in Christian love, and are your Sister's
 Stepped out half of the meeting.
 Ruth, P. M. 18th. 1831.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends at Philadelphia.
 Dear Sisters,

Altho' we have not received any communication from your Yearly Meeting at this time, we are encouraged to address you from a feeling of sisterly regard - having at this season, been made acquainted with the strengthening influence of Epistolary Correspondence, when under the influence of divine love, we are permitted to be baptised into the one Spirit, and dwell together of the one Church, whereby we are refreshed in the Lord.

In a view of the state of Society, as opened to us by the Answers to the Queries, we are strongly impressed with a sense that much weakness has prevailed from unfaithfulness in the support of our various testimonies: may we dear Sisters, labour for increasing dedication to duty; that by the impressive language of conduct, we may evince the purity of the Christian faith, and witness that the spirit of righteousness, is Peace, and the effect thereof, quietness and assurance forever.

May all those in the early walks of life, be encouraged to come away from those things that separate from the Love of God, in Christ Jesus our Lord. We are unceasingly made sensible of the language of our blessed Lord - "Doves have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head": May we so submit to the operation of His Power in our hearts, that this may not be applicable to any of us. Great is the susceptibility of the youthful mind: but God would by His gracious visitation to the forming hand of divine goodness, and by quickening His Holy Spirit, the living principle of truth is awakened, and they are exposed to the temptations of the enemy of all good: may every class, therefore be encouraged to quench water thirsts, and draw near to the Fountain of living water; that so, in seasons of trial, we may experience that of having "Bread in our houses, and Water in our Cisterns," and the Lord our righteousness may be exalted.

It has been the privilege of the company of our beloved friends, to
be with them from ever, with their other friends, in a joyful way, by
by meetings, which with their good intentions, have been fully accepted and
enjoying.

We have in union with our friends, after a long
to meet with those of the party, who have entered into the same
agreement to the same, as made by the party meeting.

With a warm remembrance of love, we remain your friends.

Signed on behalf of the meeting. by
Ruth Woodman. Clerk.

in part
March 16th 1831.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends at London.

Your sisters, &c.

Having again met in a Yearly Meeting capacity, and being
glad to feel the renewed expression of love, and many of our friends
have been humbly drawn to crave the blessing of our Father, in that name
Lord, remembering the injunction - "When they said you, I was with all - states."

Although I am I trust, many of the friends have said us, we believe in
it as a relief on the subject of love, and I believe I shall be able to
show them, way is made, where there appears to be no way, and we shall be able
to bear with patience, our allotted portion of suffering, with long and language,
"When I was afflicted, I was not alone - but now, I have kept my word." As we abide
under the ^{holy} abiding power of truth, we are enabled availingly to labour in the
support of our testimonies, and the discipline of Society; thus, a God in the
who giveth peace to the Saints, and increaseth strength to them that have
no might, remains to be a present help, in the needful time.

Our meeting was very large, and much harmony hath prevailed in
transacting the business that has come before us; and we are in humble
trust of our own unworthiness, some of us have been led to say - that we
we understand the Lord, for all his benefits.

We feel a tender solicitude for those who are leading the young
paths of youth, with sincere desires that they may witness, by a daily attendance
and watch attendance to the dictates of that grace and love which comes by
Jesus Christ, may know Him to be the way - the truth and the life; and
thus be favoured to feel the blessing of His presence resting upon them. We
daily and earnestly pray for the Holy Spirit, in behalf of the
love the mind for increasing usefulness and strength in truth.

168. in the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Our beloved friend Hannah C. Backhouse, is now acceptably with us. We acknowledge the reception of your acceptable Epistle of last year, which has been read at this time to our Comfort & encouragement.

With a salutation of love we bid you Farewell.

Signed on behalf of the Church
by
Hannah Backhouse. Clerk.

Received 6th Nov 17th 1831.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends at Ohio.

Dear Sisters.

We received your acceptable Epistle of last year, and un-
necessarily made sensible, that the ground of Christian Fellowship, remains
to be the only true foundation, wherein we can greet each other as chil-
dren of the same family - speaking one language, and encouraging
each other in "every good word, and work": believing, that the secret
trainings of our spirits, may often be - "my family is poor in Mar-
sarah; and I am the best in my nation's house" - yet she, who was
with Jidori, will, as we are concerned to "by the Grace", afford an evi-
dence that we are owned of him; if we are sincerely devoted to His cause
He will give ability to do his will, and acceptably ascribe unto Him, than
giving and Praise, in that we are counted worthy to suffer for his
sake; - but, dear friends, in order that we may thus be clothed upon, we
must know an abiding in the Father: a continual watch, must be
maintained; and we pass the time of our journeying here, in His
and the influence whereof, we should be incited to great diligence in
the performance of our religious duties, particularly in the attendance
of our meetings; for true worship is acceptable to our Heavenly Father; and
it is good with those who wait upon him, and to the soul that waits upon him:
that, shall be witness to the Kingdom of Peace; and our solemn assemblies,
will become places of true feeding, to which we shall be attracted. We receive
a supply of that food which sustains the Soul, and nourisheth up unto
eternal life.

We have the acceptable company of our beloved friend
Hannah C. Backhouse, and several other friends from neigh-
bouring Yearly Meetings, which with their religious services have been
valuable to us.

We have in unison with our men Friends, appointed a Committee to meet with those appointed by the Yearly Meetings, to consider the measures to be taken in the subject of a conference as proposed by your Yearly Meeting.

Wheat & Nov 17th 1831.

Wm. L. Garrison. Secy.

To the Yearly Meeting of Men's Friends the N. E. Yearly Meeting.
Dear Sisters.

During the several sittings of this our annual solemnity, we have been favoured to witness the overshadowing of Divine regard; under the humbling influence whereof, we desire to address you with the exhortation of that Love, which unites in Gospel Fellowship, the rightly exercised ministers, however remotely situated. We have been wonderfully made sensible, that a deep indwelling of Spirit begets the Lord; in whom are "hid all the treasures of Wisdom & Knowledge", strengthens our minds; and enable us to hold fast our confidence in Him, who is a Sun and Shield to the humble, devoted mind. We have been favoured at this time to attend to the important subjects, relating to the welfare of Society, that have come before us in much Unity, and Love; - and although, many, and painful, appear to be the deficiencies that exist amongst us, yet we are encouraged to hope that there is an increasing concern to labour for the promotion of the testimonies of truth; and the good order of Society. The daily reading of the Holy Scriptures in our families, we believe tends to strengthen our minds; and increase our faith in the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

There has been witnessed a feeling of sympathy with you, on account of the situation of the oppressed Africans; and we believe as they continue to claim your various attention, their situation may be much improved, and emancipation witnessed from the bondage of Slavery.

We have at this time the company of our beloved Friend Thomas C. Buckhouse, from Europe, and divers other Friends from neighbouring Yearly Meetings, which with their Gospel labours have been acceptable and edifying.

We may also acknowledge the receipt of your very acceptable Epistle of last year, which has been read to our satisfaction.

We have in unison with our men Friends, appointed a Committee to meet with those appointed by the Yearly Meetings

(which have entered into the measure) as proposed by this Society.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends.

Yours in behalf of the meeting,
Ruth Parsons. 1832.

August 6th 1832.

At a Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Newport, on Rhode Island, for New-England - by adjournments from the 11th to the 15th of the 6th month - 1832.

Met, agreeable to the conclusion of last year, and after a season of solid waiting, proceeded to business.

Accounts from the Quarterly Meetings were received, and read - by which we were informed that their representatives respectively, are as follows - viz: - for Rhode-Island, Elizabeth King, Ruth F. Emborn, Caroline Tobey, Susanna Green, Elizabeth Shore, and Mary D. Robinson. For Salem, Hannah Collins, Hannah Page, Elizabeth R. Nichols, Elizabeth Gore, and Miriam Newhall. For Sandwich, Elizabeth Trip, Abigail Davis, Mary Shepherd, Anna Shacumbur, Susanna Gardiner, Rhoda Howland, Sarah Barnard, and Sarah Tucker. For Tralmonth, Anne Purington, Abigail Boston, Lydia J. Tuttle, and Mary Brackett, Jun. For Smithfield, Lydia Gatis, Elizabeth Bowen, Elizabeth A. Osborn, and Loisa Cook. For Vassalborough, Ann Rogers, Hephzibah Ratchiff, Sarah Potter, Lydia P. Fry, and Eunice Nichols. For Dover, Elizabeth Medier, Charlotte Varney, Ann E. Lang, and Huldah B. Varney, who being called, are present, except Susanna Gardiner, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

Through the medium of the accounts we were also informed that Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting had united with South. Kingstown Monthly Meeting in appointing Eunice Foster, to the station of an Elder. That Salem had united with Scituate Mo: Meeting, in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Nathaniel Tolson and Elizabeth Gore. Sandwich - with Dartmouth Mo: Meeting in the ministry of Mary Davis and Doris, with Sandwich Mo: Meeting, in approving the ministry of Anna Varney.

Our beloved friends Ann Taylor from the Yearly Meeting of Ohio - and Margaret Parker from Philadelphia being now acceptably

with us, each produced satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings, expressive of the Unity and sympathy of their friends with him in their present engagements. Minutes were also rec^d, and read on behalf of the following friends - viz - One from Smithfield No. Meeting concerning our friend Elizabeth Wood, an Elder, and Companion to Ann Taylor - one from Burlington for Sybil Atkinson, who accompanies Margaret Parker - and one from Philadelphia No. Meeting on behalf of Elizabeth P. Kirkbride as Companion to our beloved friend Hannah C. Backhouse, who also is very acceptably with us, at this time.

We have received lively and interesting Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London. Ohio. Indiana. Baltimore. New York. Virginia. Philadelphia, and North Carolina, which, (except the two latter) have been read at this time; and the salutary counsel therein contained, has proved strengthening and refreshing to many minds.

We adjourn to the house, the men's meeting may adjourn to.

Afternoon - met, at the 4th hour.

One of the Representatives reported that they had met, and deliberated upon the subject of Clerks - and were united in proposing the re-appointment of Ruth Rodman and Hannah Gould turn: which nomination being approved by this meeting, it has accordingly appointed them for the present year.

The Queries, with their Answers, from the several Quarters constituting this, have at this time been read; and from the latter Hannah Collins, Hannah Dennis, Mary A. Robinson, and Miriam Newhall; and appointed to prepare a Summary and present when ready.

We were informed by a message from the men's meeting, that they had appointed a Committee upon the general concerns of society - and we, writing with them therein have appointed Mary B. Allen, Betsy Parvinton, Anne E. Lang, Rebecca Cobb, Sarah Barnard, Elizabeth Meader, Sarah Tucker, Anna A. Jenkins, Miriam Newhall, Anna Shove, Ann Rogers, Eunice Nichols, Lydia Day, Lydia Wood, Elizabeth Wing, Anna Maccum, Jr. Rachel Earl, Lydia P. Day, Elizth Gore, Mary Elsie, Mary Howland, Mary Chace, Elizth J. Skinner and Lucia B. Cox. &c

to unite with them in the consideration of such subjects as may be referred to them by this meeting.

We have rec^d through the medium of the Amer's Meet-
ing, the following information from the joint Committee which
was appointed last year, for the purpose of meeting and conferring
with similar Committees from other Yearly Meetings—viz,

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting,

The Committee appointed last year, to join in conference
with Committees from the Yearly Meetings on this Continent—Report—that
in the 7th mo: last, most of us met in Philadelphia with Committees from the
Yearly Meetings of Baltimore, Virginia, North Carolina, and Ohio, and agreed on a
Report to the meetings, we represented, which we herewith present.

On behalf of the Committee.

Newport 6th mo: 11th 1832.

Stephen Gould & Lydia Prud.

"To the Yearly Meetings of New England, Baltimore, Virginia, North Carolina, Ohio,
and Indiana."

"The Committee appointed by the several Yearly Meetings, report, that agree-
ably to their appointments, Representatives from the above mentioned Yearly Meetings
(except Indiana, the minute from which has not been received) assembled in Phil-
adelphia, the 25th of the 7th mo:—1831, and being favoured to experience a united &
consenting exercise for the preservation of the body at large, various important subjects, de-
terminedly affecting the common interests of the Society, and the support of its testimonies, were brought in
view, as demanding the attention of Friends. But feeling an earnest desire that all the Ye-
arly Meetings, (by their Representatives) so far as may be practicable, may be united in the consider-
ation of subjects vitally connected with the welfare of the body, and the advancement of its testimo-
nies, we have united in the conclusion, under existing circumstances, to
defer acting on these subjects.

By the proposition of Ohio Yearly Meeting, and virtually
the minutes of other Yearly Meetings, which have united with that
proposition, it becomes our duty to propose the time and place for the
meeting of the General Committee, should such appointments hereafter be
made, by the several Yearly Meetings. On turning our attention to
this subject, we have believed, that from the central situation of Bal-
timore, it might be proposed as the next place of meeting, and that
the last second day in the 7th mo: next year, might be a suitable
time, for the Committee of such Yearly Meetings as may unite with
the measure, to meet and deliberate on such subjects as may be propo-
sed to their consideration by the several Yearly Meetings; it being understood

which being read is satisfactory to this evening: and after a short consideration of the subject, which has repeatedly been felt to be of interesting import, we are united in rehearsing the nomination of a Committee for the present year (in conjunction ~~to be~~ with the meeting,) to the Committee on General Concerns.

We adjourn to the hour the Friends may meet to-morrow.

8 day - afternoon - met at the 4th hour.

Our beloved friend Hannah C. Backhouse, being again very acceptably with us, her Certificates, as recorded on our minutes of last year, have at this time been again read, to the refreshment, and comfort of many minds - and has excited a fresh feeling of sympathy with her in her important engagement in this land.

A lively and acceptable Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Women-Friends at Philadelphia, and one from North-Carolina, have been also read at this sitting.

The subject of addressing our beloved Sisters of other Yearly Meetings, coming under consideration, has resulted in the appointment of a Committee for the purpose, if way should open for them to proceed therein: - accordingly we have selected Mary B. Allen, Mary Howland, Ann Rogers, Mary Shepley, Elizabeth Wing, Rachel Earl, Lydia P. Fry, Hannah Dennis, Mary A. Robinson, Elizth Peckham, Sophronia Page, Abigail Lewis, Anna A. Jenkins, Elizth Gore, Elizth Media, Mary Tabor, Hannah Stade, Hannah Gould Junr, Ann Hopkins, Lydia Budd, Eliza Chace, Hannah Earl, Elizth R. Nichols, and Lydia B. Capron, to prepare Essays of Epistles to such Yearly Meetings, as they may feel their minds engaged to address.

The Clerk is authorized to prepare endorsements to place on the Minutes of our beloved Sisters, who are with us from neighbouring Yearly Meetings, and present them at a future sitting.

101 We adjourn to the 4th hour to-morrow afternoon.

The Annual Report of our Boarding School Committee was, at this time presented and read, and is satisfactory: it is as follows - viz -

To the Yearly Meeting

1794. The Boarding School-Committee Report, That they have, during the past year, superintended the Institution, and have cause to believe that it has been conducted in a good degree as contemplated by Friends in its establishment. Meetings have been regularly kept up, as heretofore. The average number of scholars has been one hundred and sixty three.

The School has been continued under the care of Enock and Lydia Bond, as Superintendants, with the assistance of Stephen and Hannah Gould. Moses S. Bartland, Philip Earl, jun. and Jonathan Hecum have been employed as Teachers in the Boy's School, and Deborah Ramsdell, Mary Giscorn and Caroline Bartland in the Girl's. Moses B. Lockwood, and Isabella Horton have also been engaged as assistants, during the past year.

The Committee believe it best to propose for the consideration of the Yearly Meeting, the recommending to Friends to endeavour to send their children to the school, as nearly as may be at the following Periods, viz:— at the time of our Yearly Meeting, or in the first week of the second, fifth, eighth and eleventh months. And they would further propose, that Children should not be sent for a less time than six months; unless under peculiar circumstances, the Consent of the sub-Committee be obtained for a less term.

Since our last Report, the department of the School, for the instruction in the Languages, and some of the higher branches of Science, has been commenced under the care of Samuel J. Gummee, whose services have been performed acceptably to this Committee. The terms for admission into this department are One hundred Dollars per annum, exclusive of Books and Stationary, and no Scholar is admitted for a less term than One Year, nor until permission is shall have been granted for such admission by the sub-Committee.

In reviewing the state of the School for the past year, the Committee have cause to acknowledge with thankfulness, that the Family, and Scholars have generally been preserved in health.

Signed by appointment and on behalf of the School-Committee held at Providence 5th mo: 4th 1832, by

Moses Brown.

Elizabeth Wing.

and we have appointed Phoebe Cobb. Rachel Earl. Mary A. Collins. The Barnard. Lydia C. Smith. Elizabeth Congdon. Anne Parinson. Sarah Tucker. Mary Newland. Hannah Pope. Eliza A. Brackett. Lydia

also, Ann E. Lang, Elizth Meader, Hannah Holder, and Mary Budd.
to write with the Men's Committee in a consideration of the prop-
ositions, contained in said Report.

We adjourn to the 4th hour, to morrow afternoon.

4th day— Resolved, agreeable to adjournment.

The following Report from the Committee appointed yest-
day, for the purposes specified in the foregoing minutes, was at this
time read—viz:—

"To the Yearly Meeting now sitting.

The Committee, to whom was referred the consideration of the
propositions contained in the Report of the Boarding School-Committee
with regard to periodical admission of Scholars; and to the requir-
tion that Children be sent to the School, for a term of time, not less
than six months, unless under peculiar circumstances—Report—
that they have carefully considered those propositions, and are of
the unanimous opinion, that the adoption of them, will contrib-
ute to the advantage of the School, and will not injuriously affect
the convenience of parents."

On behalf of the Committee—

Samuel Boyd. Tobey.

Mary A. Collins.

Newport 6th mo: 13th 1832.

and being united with, both in this, and the Men's meeting, we
have, in unison with them, agreed the nomination of a School
Committee for the present year, to that, on the General concerns of
Society.

Essays of Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of London, Virginia,
and Indiana were presented and read—and being approved were
signed.

The General Printed Epistle of last Year, from
the Yearly Meeting of Friends at London, fraught with instructive
counsel, solemn admonition, and sound doctrine, has at this time
been read, to the comforting and strengthening—as well as of the
solemnizing of many minds.

The "General Committee" have proposed the names of the
following friends, to write with the Men Friends, as a "Committee of
Conference"—viz:— Elizth Wing, Mary B. Allen, Mary A. Robinson, Lydia
Budd, Elizabeth Meader, Alice Rathbone, and Hannah Collins— which
nomination being satisfactory to this meeting, it has accordingly ap-
pointed them to meet with similar Committees from other Yearly

meetings, at Baltimore, on the last second day in the 4th month ensuing, for the purpose of Considering and re-Commending to the Yearly Meetings, represented, such measures, as may, after weighty deliberation, seem best Calculated to advance the general interests, of the Society.

We adjourn to the time, the Men's Meeting stands adjourned.

5th day - Sat, near the 4th hour.

The following Summary from the Answers, was at this time presented, and approved. Summary.

"By accounts rec^d from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that our meetings on first days, and those for Discipline have been kept up, with the exception of a few, which were unattended by women, in consequence of sickness, and the inclemency of the weather - and frequently, by most of the members: the smallness of the number attending mid-week meetings continues a subject of Complaint.

2nd There is a concern felt by many Friends to maintain Love and Unity - and to guard against detraction; yet there is an evident deficiency in others, in that respect. When differences exist, there is care used to end them.

3rd There is a care with many Friends to bring up those under their direction, "in plainness of Speech - behaviour and apparel" - and they also discourage the perusal of pernicious books, and corrupt Conversation: - yet there is an evident declension, in dress, and address from the simplicity of our profession, in many instances. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families - but we fear all are not sufficiently attentive to this important duty.

4th Friends are careful, generally, with respect to the improper use of ardent spirits, with the exception of a few, who are under notice. A degree of moderation is observed in the other particulars of this Query.

5th A general care prevails in attending to the Circumstances of poor Friends. There appears a concern with most Friends to maintain our discipline with respect to marriage - yet there are a number of instances of keeping Company and marrying out of the order of Society, most of which are under care. Our testimony respecting the several particulars embraced in the 6th & 7th and 8th queries appears to be maintained; excepting some deficiency with respect to records and Certificates.

10th There seems to be a good degree of attention to the requisitions of this Query - altho' delay is acknowledged in some instances.

The many deficiencies, presented to our view, upon reading the answer to the Queries, have been cause of much exercise to the minds of many in the present gathering; under the weight whereof, much tender counsel has been imparted, and the different classes in society have been exhorted to examine themselves, very closely, how far they are contributing to the existence of those things, which while they are suffered to remain, do not only prove a barrier to individual usefulness - but are indeed, "a stain in our feasts of Charity". For the removal of all that obstructs the circulation of the sap of life, much solicitude has prevailed, that all dear Friends may witness that effectual preparation, whereby we may become branches of the "living Vine"; and by our fruits give evidence, that we draw nourishment from the Root.

The importance of a due attendance of our Religious Meetings, has, as at many other times been impressively spread before us; and we have been reminded that if we love God above all, we shall not voluntarily absent ourselves from ^{opportunities of} waiting upon Him, for a renewal of strength. The belief has also been expressed, that where this important duty is in sincerity and faithfulness observed, it will preserve us in that precious Unity, where the spirit of detraction, cannot find an entrance.

Our beloved Young Friends have been earnestly entreated to come away from all those things that may be compared to the "little Foxes - that spoil the tender Vines"; - and the importance of an increased attention to that requisition of our Discipline, relative to "plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel, has, at this time in a convincing manner been presented to their view, and their attention directed to a serious consideration of the close connection subsisting between our Principles and peculiar testimonies; and that such is the chain by which these testimonies are united, that the removal of this important link weakens the whole, and opens an inlet for many other deviations. We therefore earnestly desire that by walking in the way of self-denial, they may deepen in the root of life - and by early seeking for that Wisdom, the price whereof is far above rubies, they may become prepared to fill with consistency and acceptance, those stations in the Church which are now occupied by their elder sisters, some of whom have long "borne the burthen, in the heat of the

198. day; and who must shortly pass from "works, to reward".

The practice of indulging in the pursuit of light and agreeable reading, has again been a subject that has exercised the minds of some amongst us; and the desire has renewedly been manifested, that as the present is a day in which publications of this kind description are very abundant, and many pernicious, and even baneful sentiments are concealed beneath a very specious surface, that Friends, every where, and of every class, may increasingly be engaged to bear a faithful and dignified testimony in this important respect:— and from a renewed belief that the improvement of the youthful mind much depends upon the choice of Books, it has been tenderly recommended that they should frequently peruse, not only the Sacred Volume, but the writings of pious Authors— and the journals of our ancient Friends.

The subject of attending places of public amusement has awakened feelings of sorrow in the minds of the rightly exercised; and many pertinent remarks thereon have been handed forth, under the influence (we trust,) of Gospel love.

An increased attention to the daily practice of reading (recently,) the Holy Scriptures in Friends families, when collectively assembled has been in a lively manner recommended; from a heart-felt belief that it is not only obligatory on us as Christians, thus to devote a portion of each day, but has a tendency to increase and refine the social affections; discipline the mind, and regulate its inclinations; and that in proportion to our acquaintance with, and estimate of this Sacred Volume, the disposition to partake of proscribed amusements will be lessened, and the youthful mind become enriched— and its views enlarged.

The subject of out-goings in Marriage has also claimed our serious attention; and much instructive admonition and counsel has been extended to our dear young Friends, and they earnestly entreated to "ponder (seasonably) the paths of their feet"— and early be engaged to crave preservation "in the fear of the Lord"— that thus they may witness the efficacy of his protecting Arm, and become established on that immutable foundation, against which, neither temptation, "enchantment or delusion can prevail."

The language of encouragement has been feelingly communicated to the various classes of the family; and we have been impressively— yea, solemnly, reminded of the great necessity of keeping on the

watch tower" - that is, neither the allurements of this fleeting world, ease attendant on Prosperity, or the discouragements arising from affliction and complicated trials, (comparable to Rivers that Spoil the Land,) may ever be "able to" separate us from the Love of God, in Christ Jesus, our Lord, or shake the faith of any, in his ability and willingness "Save to the uttermost," all those who are preserved from "Casting away" their anointed Shield.

The Committee on the "General Concerns of the Yearly Meeting" have offered the following Propositions to the consideration of this Meeting - viz:-

"Propositions to be considered by the "General Committee of Conference"

1st What regulations, or proceedings should be observed in sitting up, and laying down Meetings?

2nd

The considering of the present Discipline of the several Yearly Meetings in relation to the publication of Doctrinal, and Historical Works, which might affect the reputation of the Body at large.

3rd

That of a greater uniformity in the Disciplines of different Yearly Meetings on this Continent - and particularly in regard to the manner of granting Certificates for Friends who may be engaged to travel in the Ministry.

which after being read, and solidly deliberated upon, were fully united with.

The joint Committee to visit subordinate Meetings and Individuals, presented the following Report - viz:-

"To the Yearly Meeting, now sitting.

The Committee to visit Quarterly, Monthly and other Meetings, appointed at the last Yearly Meeting Report - That they have given some attention to their appointment, and apprehend that usefulness has resulted from it: and taking into consideration the state of Society, it is their judgment that

The appointment of a Committee for similar services would be useful at the present time."

On behalf of the Committee.

Benjamin Furber.

Hannah Collins.

Newport 6th mo: - 13th 1832.

which is acceptable to this meeting - and believing that benefit has resulted, and will continue to result from such services, we have, in unison with our Men Friends, concluded to appoint one; and with them have submitted the nomination to the General Committee.

We adjourn to the 9th hour to morrow morning.
6th day - met, agreeable to adjournment.

The Representatives being called are present, that attended the first sitting, except one, for whose absence, a satisfactory reason was offered.

Endorsements to place on the minutes of our Friends from neighbouring Yearly Meetings, were read and approved.

The following friends were nominated by the General Committee, to form our Boarding School Committee for the present year. - viz: - Mary A. Robinson. Avis Kune. Mary Buffington. Rhoda Howland. Elizth Barker. Elizth Wing. Phoebe Cobb. (of Foxham) Ruth Rodman. Mary B. Allen. Hannah Collins. Abigail Robinson. Anna A. Jenkins. Abigail Arnold. Elizth Congdon. Mary Howland. Hannah Dennis. Mary Tabor. Alice Rathbone. Susan Howland. Susanna Gardiner. Sarah Barnard. Mary Chase (of Salem) Mary Shore 2nd. Susan Ann. Buffum. Hannah Gould Jun. Mary T. Brown. Alice Chase (of Ware) Miriam Newhall. Mary G. Anthony. Ruth Fry. Mercy Dockray. Elizth A. Osborne. Sarah L. Tobey. Mary A. Tucker. Elizth B. Nichols. Elizth Meader. Caroline Tobey. Margaret Barker. Anna Wing. Sophronia Page. Hannah Pope (of Vassalborough &) and Lydia B. Capron. . . which being approved by this meeting, they are accordingly appointed.

The above-said General Committee have also offered to the consideration of this meeting, the names of the friends hereto annexed, as a Committee in unison with one, selected by our Men Friends - viz. . . Mary B. Allen. Elizth Wing. Anne C. Lang. Lydia P. Fry. Elizth Meader. Sylvia Grinnel. Betty Purinton Lydia

Gates. Miriam Newhall. Ann Rogers. Sarah Barnard. Elizth Gove. Sarah Tucker. Eunice Nichols. Hannah Pope. Lydia Budd. Anna Purinton. Hepzibah Batchelor. Anna A. Jenkins. Ruth Bodman. Caroline Tobey. Phil^l Cobb Jun. Hannah Gould Jun. and Hannah Collins - which nomination being united with, they are accordingly appointed to join the men's Committee in visiting such of subordinate meetings - and Individuals, as may seem to require an extension of care.

Essays of Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of New-York. Philadelphia. Baltimore. North-Carolina, and Ohio - were read - and being approved, were signed.

We were informed by the Committee on the General Concerns of Society, that the subject relative to the removal of the Yearly Meeting to a more central place, (to them referred), had claimed their solid deliberation, and had resulted in the conclusion to propose to the Yearly Meeting the appointment of a Committee, composed of Friends from each Quarterly Meeting, to take the subject into solid consideration, and report their judgment thereon, next year, and we cordially uniting therewith, have appointed Mary A. Robinson. Mary A. Collins. Hannah Gould Jun. Betsey Purinton. Elizth Gove. Mary Chase. Mary Watson. Miriam Newhall. Sarah Tucker. Mary Card. Sylvia Grinnel. Mary Howland. Abigail Horton. Anna Purinton. Phil^l Cobb Jr. Mary Brackett. Mary B. Allen. Ruth Fry. Sarah Shore. Hannah Holder. Hannah Pope. Ann Rogers. Eliza Brackett. Hepzibah Batchelor. Ann E. Lang. Lydia Fry. Elizth Braden. Hulda B. Hoag to join the men's Committee in deliberation upon this important subject.

The Clerk is authorized to forward Transcripts of the Epistles received - together with some Extracts from these Minutes to our several Quarterly Meetings.

We have during the several sittings of this Meeting, been enabled unitedly to labour for the promotion of Truth; and the preservation of our various testimonies: and tho' many are the deficiencies that still appear to exist amongst us, we are bound to acknowledge the continued kindness and condescending goodness of Him, who is a "buckler to those that trust in Him."

We conclude, intending to meet again, if permitted, at

1832.
The usual time and place, next year.

Signed - on behalf of the Meeting - by
Ruth, Peckham. Clarke.

From the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at New-
port on Rhode-Island, for New-England - by adjournments,
from the 11th to the 15th of 6th month - 1832.

To the next Yearly Meeting of Women Friends at London.
Dear Sisters.

It is under a renewed sense that nothing but an
entire dependance upon the quickening and renovating
influence of the spirit of life, in Christ Jesus, our Lord, can
enable us to draw nigh to the source of good, and receive
ability, profitably to maintain epistolary communica-
tion.

We desire, humbly and reverently to acknowledge, that
the overshadowing wing of ancient regard continues to be
extended over the heritage; whereby the truly exercised and
living members of the militant Church, are from time to
time made sensible, that "by one spirit we are baptized into
one body, of which, Christ is the Head".

By a patient indwelling with the divine gift,
we availing, realize the declaration, that "they who wait upon
the Lord, shall renew their strength; they shall mount up, wings, as
eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint".
As the eye of the mind is preserved singly directed to the "Author and
Finisher of our faith", we are made instrumental through His aid, in
promoting the cause of Truth, and Righteousness on the earth: and
by walking in His light, experience fellowship one, with another.

May those, both amongst you, and with us, who are concern-
ed for the maintenance of our Christian profession, be strengthening, day
by day to persevere in the time of divine appointment, asking for coun-
sel, and right direction, that, thus our minds may become increas-
ingly enriched with true wisdom, and with the knowledge of Jesus
Christ.

Your Epistle of last year, has been rec^d. and acceptably
read at this time. . . . We have again been favoured with

The very acceptable Company of our dear friend Thomas O. Parker, from your land - also divers friends from neighbouring Yearly Meetings - whose Company and religious service, have been truly acceptable to us.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting - by
 "Ruth" Codman. Clerk.

From the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, held at New
 Point, on Rhode-Island - for New-England - by adjournments, from
 the 11th to the 15th of 6th mo: 1832.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends at Virginia.
 Dear Sisters.

It having pleased our Heavenly Father, again to permit us to meet in a Yearly Meeting capacity; and to afford us, during the present several sittings thereof, a comfortable evidence of His Divine Presence; for which, we desire reverently to acknowledge the Continuance of his love towards us - under the covering of which, many of our minds have been humbled from a grateful sense of his unmerited mercy: - and we are comforted in the belief, that as we are engaged, rightly to apply for divine Counsel, we shall be incited to move under the guidance thereof; and be favoured to witness the Spirit of Truth, to be sufficient for our support, amid' all the trials and conflicts, of our day.

And having felt, (we humbly trust,) unitedly bound to the Cause of Truth, have, through divine aid been enabled during the several sittings of this meeting, to attend to the important concerns that have come before us in much unity: and a deep exercise has spread over the meeting, on account of the deficiencies that exist amongst us; and a tender solicitude hath been witnessed, that we may be enabled, availingly to labour for the restoration of those, who have lightly esteemed our Christian testimonies.

On the reading of your acceptable Epistle of the present year - we have felt, renewedly sensible, that it is profitable to us, as a Society, thus to give evidence of our love, one toward another;

winning our trust and confidence in Christ Jesus, our Holy Redeemer, who, as we are willing to submit to the humbling operation of his Spirit upon our hearts, will abundantly qualify for every service he may be pleased to require of us: thus may the humble devoted followers of him, who hath hitherto helped them, "Thank God, and take Courage".

Our attention has been peculiarly called to the deeply interesting subject of a more frequent reading of the Holy Scriptures; from a firm belief, that as we are engaged to collect our garments, and devote a portion of time each day, in desire that a blessing may attend our endeavours, thus to bring forward our children, and those under our care, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, that He will deign to regard our feeble efforts - and strengthen us to "every good word & work".

Our beloved Friend Hannah C. Backhouse is again with ^{us} whose company, with that of some other Friends from neighbouring Yearly Meetings, is truly acceptable, and their religious services edifying.

In love we conclude, and are your Friends.

Sign'd - on behalf of the Meeting. by

Ruth, Postman, Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, at Indianna.
Dear Friends.

Many of our minds have been afresh humbled, from a deep sense of the continued unmerited goodness and mercy of the Lord; - and being sensible, dear sisters, that His compassion fails not, we desire that all may be encouraged to cast their care upon Him, who thus careth for us; that through the obedience of faith, we may be enabled to maintain our various Christian testimonies; and so to keep our ranks in righteousness, as to stand as lights in the world, and thus become partakers of those gracious promises which are fulfilled through our blessed Redeemer.

You have been brought feelingly to our remembrance dear Friends, by the reading of your acceptable Epistle of 10 months past; and it is encouraging to observe that these Communications respect a continued solicitude for the prosperity of the cause of truth.

We feel tender for those in a weak situation, who are to pass through many difficulties in attending their religious meetings, and feeling their minds clothed with wisdom, and many encouragements. We desire that these, every where, may continue to look in Him who "giveth Power to the faint, and increase strength to them that have no might." Many there are who can testify, that as in their silent waiting, they have diligently sought the Lord, he has so regarded their low estate, as to refresh their spirits with a liberal that Word the "manifold of the soul unto Eternal life."

To our Dear young friends we would say - Come unto Christ. Take his yoke upon you; and learn of Him, who said unto his humble followers "I have not little flock for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom": thus, may you become favoured, and enabled to resist the allurements of this world, the fashion of which, passeth away; and feel your minds strengthened by His Spirit, to move forward in the pathway of obedience and dedication to the Lord.

We have been favoured to attend to the various subjects that have come before us, at this time, in harmony and love; and altho' many deficiencies are apparent amongst us, we are comforted in the belief, that many remain who feel bound to the law, and to the Testimony of Truth.

The practice of daily collecting our families, and reading a portion of the Holy Scriptures, has been feelingly recommended from a full persuasion, that it would be fruitful of blessing, both to Parents, and Children.

We are again favoured with the acceptable company of our beloved friend, Hannah C. Backhouse - and some others from neighbouring Yearly Meetings, whose labours of love, have been strengthening and encouraging, to us, at this time.

With desire, that the blessing of preservation in the Fear of the Lord may rest upon us, we bid you affectionately farewell.

On behalf of the Meeting,

Truth Rodman Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends at New-York
Dear Sisters.

Some of our minds have been introduced into feelings of sympathy with you, and in the prevalence of that Christian-
ity, which has in a comfortable degree, been felt to prevail, dur-
ing the several sittings of this Yearly Meeting, many of our minds
have been bowed under an humbling sense of the continued good-
ness of the Father of all our sure mercies, without whose aid, no re-
ligious act, can be acceptably performed.

In attending to the deeply interesting subjects, that have
come before us, at this time, much unity and harmony hath pre-
vailed; and under the renewed manifestation of Divine re-
gard, this Query hath arisen — "What shall we render unto
the Lord, for all his benefits?" The present, is a day of proving,
and trial to many in different parts of our widely extended so-
cieties, who are excited in spirit for the "prosperity of Zion, and
the enlargement of her borders" — who "weep as between the Rock
and the Altar," saying — "Spare thy People, O Lord: and give
not thy heritage to reproach." — May these, every where be en-
couraged to draw near, and wait upon Him who will be
pleased, in his own time to give us the help we need — and
say to our prisoners — "Go forth: and to them that are in dark-
ness — Show yourselves."

Your truly and acceptable Epistle of the present
year, has been read to the comfort and encouragement of many.

In having our minds turned in sympathy to the circum-
stances of those in younger life, we are aware that many Con-
flicts and doubts disturb the youthful mind — and to these,
the counsel of Truth is — be not moved by the reasonings of those
who would "divide in Jacob — and scatter in Israel" — but be en-
couraged, dear young Friends to attend to the teachings of the
Holy Spirit in your own minds; that in the unfoldings of
Truth, you may be increasingly instructed in the mysteries
that are "hid from the wise and prudent" of this world: &
thus, like the good scribe be prepared to "bring forth things
both new and old", to the praise of His name who gives grace,
and glory, and withholdeth no good thing from them that

walk uprightly.
 An engagement of mind to collect our families
 and read a portion of the Holy Scriptures, has been dis-
 tinguishingly re-commended, from a full persuasion, that it will
 be fruitful of blessings both to Parents and Children.

We are again at this time favoured with the
 acceptable Company of our beloved Friend Hannah C. Wack-
 horn - and some other friends from neighbouring fam-
 ily meetings, whose religious labours have been edifying
 to us, at this time.

In conclusion, we desire that all may be enabled
 through watchfulness, unto prayer, to adopt the language
 of the Prophet - "I will trust and not be afraid - for the
 Lord, Jehovah, is my strength, and my song - He also has
 become my salvation".

Signed on behalf of the Meeting - by
 Rutha Redman Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends at Philadelphia in
 Dear Sisters.

As we endeavour to dwell under the influence of Truth, we
 experience from time to time the consolation of that "I will trust and not be afraid" in the
 presence of the Lord, in the heart of the soul. How precious is this truth, "It is as the dew of Hermon, and as the rain that
 descended upon the mountains of Zion - for there the Lord commanded
 a blessing - even life, forevermore".

Our dear Young Sisters are afresh brought into tem-
 embrace at this time; and the impressive invitation of the British
 and true witness is addressed to you - "Buy of me gold tried in
 the fire, that ye may be rich, and white garments, that ye may be
 clothed, and the shame that ye may not be ashamed. I stand at the door, and
 knock, that ye may come in, and ye shall eat, and ye shall be satisfied, for ye shall be
 hungry, and ye shall be thirsty, and ye shall be naked, and ye shall be cold, and ye shall be
 weary, and ye shall be sorrowful, and ye shall be afflicted, and ye shall be
 tempted, and ye shall be tried, and ye shall be purified, and ye shall be glorified, and ye shall be
 crowned with life, forevermore".

of need, we must be careful not to neglect. May we ever be
blessed with a number of you, and wish as much to the
kind of the day, that they may be more useful, and more in the
house. May all of you be encouraged to one another
not to yield under the humbling influences of the Lord, and so on
that become increasingly instrumental in building one
another up in the most holy faith.

We have been again favored with the receipt of the
kindness of the kind friends of the cause, who have been
kindly giving, and giving, and giving, and giving, and giving
to us, and we have been very satisfied and strengthened by it at
this time.

Your acceptable letter of the present year has been
to the comfort and rejoicing of many minds.

Signed on behalf of the meeting by
Ruth "Redman" Clark.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends at Baltimore.
Dear Friends,

We feel at this time a sincere satisfaction that in giving
us a letter, we may do it under the influence of the
Holy Spirit, and that the spiritual influence of our absent friends
as our own, and divine to cherish feelings of thanksgiving for all
our blessings especially for the goodness of the great Lord and
Father, for the blessing that by His Spirit's influence, we
are called to be a people, and have felt that we are
we may be enabled to abide in the unity of the spirit even until
the end. But in order to this, we must dwell in subjection to the
spirit of truth, and be faithful to all its commands.

Our meeting hath been large, and the concerns which
have engaged our attention, conducted in much harmony, and
we have been enabled to feel that all may rejoice in the work
of the Spirit of truth, for the manifestation of His
power and love, that in the strength of the testimony which we
are enabled, and we enabled to support our various Christian testimony
and come up in the faithful discharge of the duties assigned

in the Church - in our families, and in the world.

The present day loudly calls for watchful eyes and brave men on the walls of Zion; and the voice of God is heard in the hearts of men, calling for a more diligent and earnest pursuit of the things of God. Let us remember that those who seek shall find, and that "knock, it shall be opened" - May we therefore seek to be filled, that by a deep indwelling of Spirit we may be enabled "to walk worthy the vocation wherunto we are called" - and "keep our hearts from righteousness".

May those in the younger walks of life seek to be preserved under the guidance of redeeming love; and as they humbly wait in submission to His will, he will lead them into all truth, and enable them to pursue the things that belong to their peace; for "the work of righteousness is peace" - and the effect of "righteousness, quietness and assurance forever".

We have had the the Company of our friend Hannah C. Backhouse from Great Britain - and several other friends from neighbouring Yearly Meetings, whose religious services have been truly acceptable to us.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting - by
 Ruth, Rodman. Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, at North-Bradford.
 Dear Friends.

Having been permitted to meet in a Yearly Meeting capacity, and through Divine mercy, favoured to witness the overshadowing of ancient goodness, we humbly trust to the strengthening of many minds, for which we have cause to be truly thankful, and to confide in Him, in whom we "hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge; firmly believing that strength will be proportioned to our faithfulness and in the end that the law of the Lord is perfect concerning the soul: the testimony of the Lord is true, making wise the simple".

In thus addressing you, Dear Friends, we have desired that it might not be in the "oldness of the letter but in the

newness of that life which is his in Christ; being preserved in an Christian correspondence, ever quickening, and strengthening the bonds of Christian fellowship, and to unite the living members of the invisible Church, however remotely situated: and as a sincere lover, was desirous the reading of your ecclesiastical Christ, by which our minds were ministered, and warmly drawn to grace, that we may all be under the quickening influence of the Divine Spirit as to spirit, a reasoning in the land of mortal life, and be ever ready, to desire that our "faith fail not."

To our dear Young Friends we would offer the language of encouragement, having felt you near to us, in Gospel love: we desire that nothing may prevent you from becoming the humble followers of Christ, now, in the early part of your life: if you seek an acquaintance with Him, as outwardly revealed in the Scriptures of Truth; and inwardly, in your hearts, and thus become his Disciples by obedience to his voice, you will be strengthened to contribute to the advancement of the Cause of Truth, and right causes, in supporting our various Christian testimonies, and be prepared to espouse His Cause, whose Grace is sufficient for us.

We can gratefully acknowledge that through Divine aid, we have been enabled to attend to the important concerns of Society, which have come before us, to our mutual comfort and satisfaction.

Our dear Friend Hannah C. Backhouse is again with us; and dear friends grow neighbouring yearly. Sisters whose company has been truly acceptable, and their religious labours comforting, and refreshing to us.

With desire that Grace, Mercy, and Peace may abound amongst you and we conclude and remain your Friends.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting, by
Ruth, Rodman Clark.

To the hearty meeting of Brethren Friends at Ohio.
 or Friends.

This our annual assembly has been large, and we have
 been favoured to witness the penetrating influence of Divine love, as
 in the evening when we have renewedly desired, that all, how-
 ever humbly situated, may be strengthened to pass through diffi-
 culties, and steadily persevere in the line of Divine appointment, "look-
 ing unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our Faith" - that that we
 may indeed be the followers of Him who "King over us, is King over the
 world."

We have at this time, as at other seasons, felt a tender solicitude
 for that part of the family at large, on whom the important con-
 cern of Society, must shortly devolve, and with which its future
 success is so intimately connected; and we desire that those ^{may} so
 submit to the renovating influence of the Spirit of Truth, as to
 be prepared to sit as "Judges as at the first" - and Counselors,
 as in the beginning. And we also desire the encouragement
 of those, in a particular manner, upon whom maternal du-
 ties are devolving - that the minds of these may be duly
 impressed with the great responsibility attached to their exam-
 ple, on which depends much of the welfare of their precious charge.
 may they seek for that qualification which alone can enable
 them to point out to their children the way in which they should
 go. We believe that to exemplify the excellence of our Reli-
 gion by upright walking, would often prove a blessing to those with
 in the influence of our example; and the language of inspira-
 tion, contains the encouraging promise, that in this way, our
 good works should lead others to glorify our Father, who is in
 Heaven.

In conclusion, we would address to every class in
 Society, the Apostolic language - "Know our Lord Jesus Christ
 himself - and God, ^{even} our Father, which hath loved us, and given
 us everlasting consolation, and good hope, through grace, comfort
 your hearts, and establish you in every good word, and work."

In attending to the important concerns of Society, some
 of our minds have been painfully affected on account of the
 deficiencies apparent amongst us, yet we have been comforted

from a full persuasion that there remain many, who are con- sidered as faithful labourers in the vineyard; and have, in delib- erating on the subjects that have come before us, been favoured to feel the unifying influence of the Father's love.

Our beloved friend Wannah C. Backhouse, is now with us; also come other friends from neighbouring Yearly Meetings, whose company, and religious services, have been truly accepta- ble ~~to us~~, and encouraging to us.

With a renewed valuation of love, we remain your friends.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting - by
Ruth, Rodman, Clerk.

At a Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Newport on Rhode-Island - in New-England - by adjournments from the 17th to the 28th of 6th month - 1833.

And, agreeable to the conclusion of last year, and after a season of retirement, proceeded to business.

We have received accounts from all our Quarterly Meetings, which have been read at this time - and we are thereby informed, that the Representatives from each are as follows - viz:

For Rhode-Island - Lydia Knud. Elizth King. Elizth Shaw, Edith D. Freeman. Lucia Congdon, and Lydia Collins. For Salem Bath Babel, Lois Keene, Amy Bond, and Lydia Davis. For Sandwich. Abigail Davis. Sylvia Grinnell. Huldah Gifford. Elizth Foster. Hannah Wade. Alice Rogers. Mary Davis, and Betsy Sawick. For Falmouth, Anna Thurston. Lois Morel, and Lydia Winslow Jun. For Cambridge Hannah Holden. Alice Blackstone. Emily Aldrich. Sarah Ellogg, and Mary B. Allen. For Vassalborough - Joanna Chedden. Genet Stacey. Elizth A. Water. Nancy Jones, and Abigail Gifford. For Dover, Mary T. Brown. Elizabeth Chedden. Elizabeth Peck and Sarah Bede - who being called are present, except Mary T. Brown and Sarah Bede, for whose absence, satisfactory reasons were offered.

We were informed thro' the medium of the account from Salem Quarter that it had united with Salem Monthly Meeting, in approving the joint appearances of the ministry,

of Sophronia Page.

A Certificate from Westland Monthly Meeting, Washington County - Pennsylvania - held 20th of 1st month - 1833 - entered by Redstone Quarterly Meeting, held 2nd of 2nd month - of the said year - on behalf of our beloved Friend Mildred Bateman (who is now acceptably with us) has been read at this time.

A Minute from the above said Monthly Meeting, on behalf of our Friends George and Ruth Smith - dated 2nd month 20th 1833 - who are Companions to Mildred Bateman - was also presented and read. - One from Philadelphia Mo. Meeting held 30th of 5th month - for our dear Friend, Julia Wadswell - and another concerning our Friend Edith Kite who accompanies our above said friend - dated 6th mo: 6th (an adjournment of the Mo. Meeting of 5th 30th) - all of whom are acceptably in attendance with us at this meeting.

Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Ohio, Indiana and Virginia, have been received, and read to the refreshment and encouragement of many minds.

The subject of addressing our beloved Sisters of other Yearly Meetings having been repeatedly felt to be one of importance, we have appointed Elizth Wing, Hannah Dennis, Sophronia Page, Ruth Bassett, Avis Kern, Alice Battison, Mary B. Allen, Abigail Davis, Elizth Barker, Lydia Broad, Sarah Tucker, Elizth Meader, Susan Howland, Sarah E. Hadwin, Hannah Arnold, Hannah Collins, Anna Purinton, Betsy Purinton, Constant Russell, Sarah Lisle, Elizth Puckham, Abby Tabor, Prudence Gunn, Lydia Winslow, and Lydia Wilson join to that service, or to proceed therein, as Truth may open the way.

We adjourn to the 4th hour, this afternoon.

Afternoon - met, agreeable to adjournment.

The Representatives reported that they had met, and were unanimous in proposing the re-appointment of Ruth Bodman and Hannah Gould jun. as Clerk and assistant - and this meeting, uniting with the nomination, has appointed them for the present year.

A lively and interesting Epistle from our dear

194. Sister of New-York "Yearly Meeting," has at this time been read to our satisfaction, and we trust edification.

The General "Printed Epistle" of last year, containing much sound doctrine - important counsel, and seasonable caution, has also been read to our comfort, and encouragement.

The Clerks are authorized to prepare essays of endorsement, to place on the minutes of our dear Friends, who are now acceptably with us from other Yearly Meetings - and present them at a future sitting.

The Annual Report of the "Boarding School Committee," has at this time been read - and we have united with our dear Friends, in the proposition's therein submitted & said Report is, as follows - viz -

"To the 'Yearly Meeting,'

"To be held on Rhode-Island, in the sixth month, next.

"The Boarding School Committee Report, - That they have during the past year, given attention to the various concerns of the Institution, and that they have been conducted, in good degree to their satisfaction. Meetings have been regularly kept up; and harmony has been preserved.

The average number of Scholars during the year, has been one hundred and seventy-two. - The School is continued under the immediate care of Enoch and Lydia Wood as Superintendents, in which capacity they are assisted by Stephen and Hannah Gould. Moses A. Bartland, Piny Earle, jun. and Jonathan Placum, are employed as Teachers, in the "Boy's School; and Deborah Barnsdall, Mary H. Griscom, Caroline Bartland, and Martha Barker in the "Girl's. - The latter of whom for six months, rendered gratuitous service to the Institution. Samuel G. Gummere continues to have charge of the department for Languages &c.

It having long been believed, by the Committee, that the School might be improved, and its advantages to the children greatly enhanced, by having some person employed to superintend its literary concerns, who by his experience in the business of teaching, and by his acquirements, would be qualified to render advice to the Teachers, to examine the Scholars in their several studies, and to extend an immediate supervisory care over every department of the School: with this belief, in the 12th month last, our Friend John Griscom, from New-York, was introduced into the Institution, and the services he has rendered in the manner above specified, and

lecturing on different subjects, have been satisfactory to us, and we believe have tended in various ways, to the essential improvement of the Scholars.

By settling the accounts, it appears that at the present prices for board and tuition, the income will not meet the expenditures of the School. The Committee, after maturely weighing the subject, have concluded to propose to the Yearly Meeting, that after the first of eighth month next, members of Society, of this Yearly Meeting, be received for fifteen dollars per quarter; that those who are not members of Society, but who have one, or both Parents members, be received for twenty two and a half dollars per quarter; and should any who are not thus connected with Friends be received, that the price be thirty dollars per quarter; that to those who are admitted into the School as Languages, and that to members of other Yearly Meetings, the price be continued as heretofore; and that the privilege of sending one child, six months, free of expense be extended to each monthly meeting, as last year. Although by this arrangement, the expense to Parents, who place their Children in this Institution will be a little augmented, still the Committee have confidence in believing that there will be ample remuneration in the increased advantages the School now presents for the improvement of the Scholars.

In the 7th month of last year, in consequence of the appearance of the Cholera in our Country, and the effect produced upon the minds of the Children by the approach of this fearful malady, it was deemed most prudent, under the advisement of the Meeting for Sufferings, to vacate the School for a season. It was not considered best to re-admit the Scholars until the tenth month, when the School was again opened, and those who had left, generally returned.

Although during the past year, the visitations of sickness, and deaths, have been many in our Country, and we have not wholly escaped, yet we feel bound, thankfully to commemorate the preservation that has been extended to us by Him, from whom are all our true mercies.

Sign'd by direction, and on behalf of the Committee, by

William Jenkins Clerk.

Yearly Meeting Boarding School. Providence 5th mo. 3 - 1833.

We have united with our own Friends, in the appointment of a Committee on the General Concerns of Society - and pursuant thereto, have appointed Mary B. Allen, Elizabeth King, Susan Wadsworth, Hannah Colton, Elizabeth Meader, Alice Rathbone, Ruth Davis, Elizabeth Back, Rachel Cardner, Catharine Cornstock, Mary King, Mary Card, Sarah Back, Hannah Arnold, Lydia Budd, Mary Taber, Mary Davis, Anna Puntlow, Elizabeth S. Eater, Jennet Starkey, Ruth Day, Mary Howland, and Rhoda Montague for that service. To the above-said Committee, we have referred the nomination of the Boarding School Committee, for the year ensuing.

We adjourn to the hour the Men's Meeting may start.
adjourned 2.

3. day - Met near the 4th hour. (a quorum to adjournment.)

The Lucias, with Answers from the several Quarterly Meetings, recently belonging were read - and from the latter, Calverie Earl, Mary Williams and Constant Russell are appointed to prepare a summary, and present at a future sitting.

Our Men Friends submitted the following Report from our "Committee of Conference" - viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting

"The Committee appointed to confer with Committees of other Yearly Meetings, at Baltimore, on the last 2nd day of the 7th Mo last - Report, - That at the time proposed for meeting, and for several weeks prior, the Cholera prevailed in several of our Cities to a very alarming degree, not only occasioning danger in travelling, but in many places an entire interdiction of communication by municipal regulations. Under these peculiarly trying circumstances, the Committee impressed with the importance of the concern - and of the weight of responsibility attached to them by the appointment had several interviews on the subject, which resulted in the conclusion to address a communication to the General Committee assembled at Baltimore expressive of our unity with the concern, and of the causes which operated to prevent our uniting in deliberation with them at that time. The communication was signed by the greater part of the Committee under appointment, and sent in season to reach the General Committee at the opening of their Conference. We have since received from them their Report to the several Yearly Meetings which we herewith present.

New York - 6th month 10th 1833.

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On behalf of the Committee

New York - 6th month 10th 1833.

Thomas Howland

Elizabeth King

which is satisfactory - and we have united with our true friends in referring it with the accompanying Report of the General Committee to our "Committee on the State of Society." We adjourn to the hour our true friends may meet to meet us.
4th day - met at the 10th hour.

The Friends selected to prepare a Summary from the Answers, presented at this sitting the following, viz

"From the information received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that all our Meetings - (with a few exceptions) are well kept up - and that a general care exists to be diligent in this important engagement, yet there is, obviously, a painful deficiency with some in the fulfilment of this duty.

We believe a disposition is cherished by most of our members to live in Love and Unity - yet we fear not sufficiently, by all, as to preserve them from distractions - When any differences have arisen, care has been taken to end them.

Many Friends are concerned to bring up their Children in that simplicity which our Christian principles require, yet there is evidently neglect in others in the support of this testimony. Most Friends endeavour to guard their Children from pernicious publications, and from the influence of corrupt conversation - but we apprehend that a more vigilant watchfulness is necessary for the preservation of our youth. The Holy Scriptures are read in our families - and we are glad to believe that there is an increased attention to this important subject.

Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors, otherwise than as medicine, with a very few exceptions, which are under notice: - generally careful to avoid places of public resort, and moderation is observed on the several other occasions, specified in the Law. The Circumstances of the Poor are inspected - and their necessities relieved - their Children partake of learning - and a care prevails to place them with Friends.

We believe that upwards, generally, together with the young and unmarried, are desirous that all proceedings with respect to marriage, should be conformable to our established

order, although there are several instances of departure from it.

A general concern exists to support our testimony against the payments of Irish wages - and clear with respect to military matters.

Mostly careful to observe the requisitions of the 3rd Day.

Some neglect is apparent with regard to records and Certificates.

We believe Friends are endeavouring to deal with offenders in the manner required - and that judgment is placed according to Discipline - which was read and approved.

We adjourn to the 3rd hour this afternoon.

Afternoon - not agreeable to adjournments.

The "Committee on the State of Society" to whose care was referred the selection of our Boarding School Committee for the year ensuing have proposed the following Friends - viz: - Mary A. Robinson. Iris Kane. Mary Buffington. Rhoda Howland. Elizth Barker. Elizth Wing. Hannah Collins. Mary B. Allen. Phoebe Cobb. Ruth Rodman. Anna A. Jenkins. Migail Arnold. Elizabeth Congdon. Mary Howland. Hannah Dennis. Mary Tabor. Alice Rathbone. Susan Howland. Susanna Gardiner. Sarah Barnard. Mary Chace. (of Salem). Mary Shore. 2nd. Susan Ann. Buffum. Hannah Goulden. Mary T. Brown. Alice Chace. Miriam Newhall. Mary G. Anthony. Ruth Fry. Elizth A. Osborne. Elizth Meader. Mary A. Tucker. Elizth R. Nichols. Caroline Tobey. Mary Ann Barker. Ann H. Wing. Johnnie Page. Hannah Pole (Wife). Lydia B. Capron. Lydia Wilbourn Jun. Anna Paine. Hannah Arnold. Joanna Beck. Debra Gunn. Anna Howland. Phoebe G. Peckham and Sarah E. Hadwen; and the nomination being united with by this meeting, it has appointed them to extend such aid in the concerns of the institution, as they may be qualified to give. The Committee to whose care the subject of the record of our yearly Meeting was committed have presented the Report hereto appended - which is acceptable to this Meeting, and we have united with our men Friends in continuing the subject under the care of the Committee, with the addition of two friends to aid

from each Quarter, the names of whom are for Rhode Island Elizabeth King and Lydia Reed. For Salem it is Henry and Sarah Brown - for Sandwich Mary Wing - and Susanna Gardner. - For Falmouth Lydia Winslow and Lois Chase - for South Scituate Sarah Earl and Alice Bickbone. - for Walsingham Sarah Borden and Joanna Meader. For Dover, Charlotte Canny and Elizabeth White.

Report of the Committee on the above subject.

"To the Yearly Meeting (now sitting,)"

The Committee appointed last year to consider the proposition from the three Eastern Quarters to move the Yearly Meeting to some more central place, report, That they have from time to time given attention to the subject of their appointment - and after several opportunities, had, in the consideration and discussion of the proposition, they have with much unanimity come to the conclusion to recommend to the Yearly Meeting, that the subject be deferred for further consideration, under the care of a Committee."

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Thomas Fry.

Hannah Collins.

Newport, 6th Mo: 10th - 1833.

A Report from the "General Committee of Correspondence" was at this time read - and this meeting has united with that of the Men's in submitting it to the Committee on the General Concerns of Society.

We adjourn to the hour our men Friends may conclude to meet to-morrow.

5th day afternoon - week at 2 past 4.

A lively Memorial from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, concerning our dear departed friend Dorcas Peckham has been read at this time, to our comfort and encouragement - and we believe the desire has been renewedly raised in many hearts, on the reading thereof - "Let me die the death of the righteous: and let my last end be like his." There was also one, written by Oliver Winslow, on behalf of his wife, which was approved by Chania Monthly Meeting, and Walsborough Quarterly Meeting, which was likewise read to our satisfaction.

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The Committee to visit subordinate Meetings and Individuals (in instances may require), presented a Report, which is hereto appended, which after being read, and deliberated upon, this Meeting has in unison with that of the Men, has concluded to re-appoint those Friends who were last year appointed to that service.

Report of the Joint Committee to visit subordinate Meetings &c.

"To the Yearly Meeting - now sitting"

We, the Committee appointed last year to visit the subordinate Meetings, &c. having given such attention to the objects of our appointment as may have opened for are united in the belief that usefulness may result from the appointment of such a Committee the ensuing year.

On behalf of the Committee

Benjamin Fry.
Dec 6th Mo: 20th 1833.

Benjamin Fry.

Betsy Winston.

Exays of Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of New York, Ohio, Virginia, Baltimore & Indiana were presented by the Corresponding Committee, were presented and read, and being approved by this Meeting were signed.

We adjourn to the hour, our Men Friends may meet to-morrow 6th day - next, near the 10th hour.

The representations being called are present that attended the year sitting, except one Friend, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

Our Men Friends presented to this Meeting, a returning Certificate which they had prepared for our beloved Friend Jacob Green from Ireland, who has very acceptably attended this Yearly Meeting which being read, was cordially united with, and signed on behalf of the Meeting.

Endorsements to place on the Minutes to place on the Minutes of our beloved Sisters from neighbouring Yearly Meetings were presented, read and approved.

Exays of Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of London, North-Carolina and Philadelphia, were also approved & signed.

The following Communication and Proposition received from the Women's Meeting was read and united with: -
The nomination of the Friends by the Committee on general

concerns) who are engaged in the same cause. The subject of the proposed Conference by Committee appointed by the several Yearly Meetings of Friends, on this Continent, to take into consideration such subjects affecting the general interests and welfare of the Society at large, as may be proposed by any of the Yearly Meetings, having been again brought under consideration, by the reading of the Report from Committee appointed last year; and the accompanying Report from such of the Committees of other Yearly Meetings as assembled at Baltimore in the 7th month last - as well as by the information on this subject contained in several of the Epistles received at this time - it was with much unanimity, concluded to appoint a Committee to meet in general Conference with similar Committees of other Yearly Meetings of Friends, at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the several Committees - or, should any thing occur to prevent the personal attendance of our Committee, they are authorized to correspond with said "General Committee of Conference" - and endeavour thus to spread before them the views of Friends here, on this subject - or if any individual Members of our Committee should be so circumstanced as to make it difficult for them to accompany the rest of the Committee, such individuals are at liberty to communicate their prospects upon the subjects proposed to be considered, through the medium of such of the Committee as may attend. And while we continue to feel unity with a concern that has heretofore received the cordial approbation of this Meeting, we at the same time feel an earnest desire that all the Yearly Meetings on this Continent may be united in the consideration of subjects deeply connected with the welfare of the Body - and the advancement of its testimonies - and that nothing may be done that may have a tendency to shut up the way for such a uniting in the concern; but that under the influence of that "Wisdom which is profitable to direct" in all our endeavours for the promotion of the Cause of Truth, and the welfare of the Body at large, the several Committees when united in Conference may be enabled so to proceed as to preserve that harmony between the several Yearly Meetings of Friends in this Country that has hitherto so happily prevailed - it being our desire that such unity and harmony will retain the name of a meeting, as reflecting such perfect unity as may be made by the several Committees. And the following is the substance of the Report from the Committee appointed last year.

John Hodge, John Warner, John Thurman, David W. Quinn and
 John Chapman were, I think, Elizabeth Barber, Alice Chapman
 and B. C. M., Lydia Bard and Elizabeth Hodge were appointed
 to examine a Committee on the part of this Society meeting for the
 same purposes and were requested to report to this meeting next year.
 The Clerk was directed to furnish said Committee with a copy of
 the foregoing minute — [which was made in the men's meeting and
 being united with in this was signed also by its Clerk]

adoption of the men's meeting submitted to the consideration of this,
 the following Propositions with which we unite & the latter of which
 is designed to be placed in our Books of Discipline, viz: —

"The attention of Friends was earnestly desired to the Con-
 sideration of establishing in the several monthly meetings, one or more Libraries
 of the selected works of our Society; that Friends may at all times
 have access thereto; to the end that ^{the} Consistency, Truth, and Harmony of our
 Christian principles being known the minds of Friends may become
 more and more established in them; and the Unity of Faith and
 Doctrine, which it so much becomes us to inculcate, may more
 and more abound.

2nd The provisions of our Discipline with respect to Education,
 and schools for the Children of Friends are recommended to be
 revised in our subordinate meetings and put in practice when-
 ever Friends' circumstances will allow.

3rd Recommendation — That all Certificates of Removal, issued
 by our monthly meetings be signed by the Clerks of both men's
 and women's meetings: — and this Conclusion is to be entered
 into our Books of Discipline.

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[The following Minutes were made from day to day, accord-
 ing as the subjects which gave rise to them, were before the meet-
 ing — but it was found most convenient to record them collectively
 and at the close of the business]

On being permitted to assemble in a collective ca-
 pacity, the minds of a remnant have been bowed before Him, from
 whom proceed the every ever-intel good, and a feeling has been man-
 ifested that would breathe a grateful sense of past wrongs, &c.

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Note by the Clerk.

continually ascribe unto Him our Praise which is His due - and
 ly substitute a continuation of His wonderful paternal care
 and His preserving influence, which is as a shelter from the heat
 hiding place from the wind, and a creek from the drought, as
 rain or water in a dry place, - and the shadow of a great rock
 in a weary land".

A concern has been feelingly expressed that we may be remissly
 invited to prize those privileges which we as a Society are emin-
 ently favoured with; that thus by a faithful improvement thereof,
 and a right occupancy of the talents individually bestowed upon
 us (whether they may be one, two or give the borders of Zion may
 be enlarged, and we become increasingly qualified to labour in
 the work of our day; and when that work is, (in the perfect view
 of Him who hath called us therunto), accomplished, we may
 through the mediation and intercession of Him who is our Advoc-
 ate and will be our Judge, be found worthy of an entrance into that
 Holy habitation, where nothing that is impure can gain admission.

A view of the State of Society, (as presented by the Answers to
 the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings,) has marked our feel-
 ings of sorrow ~~and~~ in the minds of the rightly exercised, on account
 of the deficiencies therein recorded; and a truly Concern has been
 manifested, that an impartial self-examination might be en-
 tered into, to see how far we are individually contributing to the
 existence of those things, which while they remain are stumbling
 blocks to those who are engineering the way to Zion; and have a
 powerful tendency to keep both Individuals and the Church in
 an unprofitful - a wilderness State.

A remissness in the important duty of a due attendance on
 our religious meetings - particularly those that occur in the middle
 of the week (as recorded in many of the Answers), has been a subject
 that has called forth divine instructive and weighty remarks, under
 the influence, we trust, of that Holy anointing, which enables to "discern
 the word of God"; and we have been solemnly cited to a serious
 consideration of the dangerous State which may reasonably be expected
 to ensue, when we neglect this important duty. This "reasonable
 service". We have at this time renewedly believed, that when a
 lively engagement of mind prevails to attend faithfully to this reg-
 istration of our Discipline, (when blessed with health, and other things

284. (illegible) our love toward our Heavenly Father, and to one another will be greatly increased, and we become more and more awakened to the necessity of a daily watch, not only over our words & actions, but even the thoughts of the heart.

It has been noticed with peculiar satisfaction that the practice of reading the Holy Scriptures, collectively in families, is obtaining increased attention amongst the members of our religious Society, and we feel at this time unweariedly engaged to encourage our dear Friends to a continued - an increased engagement of mind on this interesting, and important subject; believing, that as we are religiously concerned to "gather the Children" - we shall find it to be a practice, "fruitful in blessings".

Our Dear Young Friends have been tenderly counselled, to yield to the operations of that purifying Power, which would regulate, and to bring into proper order, those propensities which lead from the Cross of Christ; and consider seriously the inconsistency of such a conformity to the customs of this vain and perishing world, as is so venomously tedious in the present day; and the striking contrast which has at this time been observed between the dress, and the solid countenances, and becoming deportment of many of our dear young Sisters has excited renewed and earnest desires, that by listening to the reproofs of instruction, they may become strengthened to renounce those things which like the "little foxes" - draw strength from the "tender vines", and prevent the seasonable maturity of those fruits which we have had at this season such cause to believe, might be produced to the praise of the great Husbandman - who has, in his adorable mercy, caused not only the "early", but the "latter rain" to descend, and fertilize the soil in many hearts: - we therefore feel an earnest solicitude, that these may be serious - "Commune with their own hearts, and be still" - and be preserved from entering into intimacies with those whose example and influence lead the mind from the simplicity of the Gospel, as it is in Jesus - who has declared - "Whoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in Heaven".

A lively exercise has prevailed that an advancement in the Christian Course, might be individually experienced - that that the period might be hastened when the Church shall come forth out of the wilderness "Fair as the Moon, Clear as the Sun, and terrible as an Army with banners".

The Clerk is directed to forward transcripts of the Epistles together with some Extracts from these Minutes to our several Society Meetings.

Notwithstanding many deficiencies have at this time presented to our view, on which account the minds of many in a present gathering have been considerably affected, yet we have occasion to be humbly thankful that an increase of exercise is apparent in many of our members. Under this view and with our hearts full of feelings of gratitude for the condescending goodness of Him who alone can bless the provision of Love - and valuing his Door with thanksgiving we conclude - intending if permitted to meet again at the usual time and place next year.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting. By
Wm. H. Portman. Clerk.

From one Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport, on Rhode Island, New England - by adjournment from the 14th to the 28th of 6th Month - 1833.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends at New-York.
Dear Friends.

On the reading of your lively and interesting Epistle of 5th Novr - last, we were comforted in feeling the bonds of Union which strengthened through the medium of Epistolary Communication; and we can gratefully acknowledge that through Divine Mercy, the Love of our Heavenly Father, (we humbly trust), has so far prevailed in this our annual assembly, as to unite many of our minds in the preciousness of the Gospel; and under an humbling sense thereof, we are drawn thus to address you - feeling that ~~we~~ we are but one Body, tho' many members; and when through Divine Mercy, we are favoured to receive nourishment from our Holy head, Christ Jesus, we are unceasingly confirmed that the Foundation upon which the righteous in all ages have built their faith and hope, is forever immutable. May we therefore, by a firm belief, and humble trust in it, and in His Church, do not continue to labour in the ability afforded to us by the Holy Spirit, and the Word of Life, and the Blood of the Lamb, who said "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me" - that being, I will give you every good word and work,

we may be as those formerly concerning a Son of David said
his of David - "This doth he have I found on myself; they
shall show forth my praise".

In having the state of Society again spread before
us we have under the solemnizing Power of Father's benediction
witness a united engagement and travail of spirit
for the support of our various religious testimonies, and for
the encouragement one of another. We have been enabled to
attend to the several important subjects that have come
before us, in Christian Love.

Dear Young Friends: how shall we express
the desire we feel, that no evil thing may prevail against you;
but that you may be followers of Him that which is good. We have
cause to believe that many among you are sensible that the
imitation of our Heavenly Father's love are as yet extended, and in
a particular manner to those in early life, to whom his language
is applicable - "Ye shall gain life unto death - and I will
give thee a crown of life".

Our dear friend Hannah C. Backhouse and several
friends, who are neighbouring yearly students, are accompanying us
at this time.

We desire that every heart in God's Word may
testify our hearts by the effectual operation of His Holy Spirit
that in the conclusion He may receive us into His Kingdom
of everlasting rest and peace, we affectionately bid you farewell.

Sign'd on behalf of the meeting - by

Wm. Woodman - Clerk.

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To the Young Men of the Town of Windsor at Windsor.

Dear Sirs.

It is our trust under the blessing of that Power which
rests in the prosperity of Zion, and the enlargement of our borders,
that we are engaged to address you, and may feelingly acknowledge
that the Shepherd of Israel hath been mercifully near, through the
means of His own Annual Assembly, enabling us to transact
the mighty works which have come before us in much love and
unity.

May the aged be encouraged and strengthened in the most

Directed by Him who is a present helper in the unequal time; and that no unpropitious discouragements may prevail on that account. May the aged hold fast their profession - witnessing by the brightings of their evening, the reality of their faith. May the middle-aged be strengthened to faithfulness in the support of our various institutions - and by the forcible language of example, invite the beloved youth to "Come, taste and see that the Lord is good", and thus become followers of a meek and lowly carriage - and partakers of the fruits of righteousness which are peace, and its effects - "quietness and assurance forever". May every Class both with you and us dwell in humility and watchfulness - trusting in the protecting care of the Heavenly Shepherd who will be their guide, guard, and true defence.

We have been sensible at this season of the influence of Divine Love - cementing our hearts together - and enabling us to transact the concerns that have come before us in much unity.

We have had the acceptable company and religious labours of several beloved friends from neighbouring Yearly Meetings - amongst whom is our friend Hannah C. Backhouse - which has been comforting to us.

We are glad to hear that the People of Colour continue to be the objects of your care, and tender solicitude.

In Christian love we salute you, dear Sisters, and our dear Friends.

Sign'd on behalf of the Meeting - by
Ruth E. Rodman. Clerk

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To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends at Baltimore.

Dear Friends,

In attempting to address you at this time, we deeply feel the necessity of a right application for that Wisdom which is profitable to direct - that under its influence, we may be useful one to another - an evidence of which was felt on the reading of your acceptable Epistle, of the 10th month, last.

In being permitted again to meet in a yearly Meeting season, we have, through Divine goodness, been favoured by the governing influence of the Shepherd of Israel, to witness our mutual

troubled by the ever increasing power of death which exists in our
fellowship (there are certainly some who are), the living members of
that one body of which Jesus Christ, our Lord, is the head.

In seasons of trial, and deep discouragement, may we
all, dear Friends continue to trust in Him who hath promised
to be with us, raising in mind the celebration of the supper.
"Altho' the fig tree shall not blossom, nor shall the olive in the land,
the labour of the vine shall cease, and the field shall yield
no more; the floods shall be cut off from the gold, and the sea shall
be no more in the strait - yet will I rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in
the God of my salvation - believing that even his merciful design
as an fully accomplished by the dispensation of suffering, the
will be graciously pleased to say - "It is enough."

This meeting has been large, and the services rendered,
as has been said, have been most eminently blessed by the great
Presence of the Omnipotent.

In attending to the important subjects that have
come before us, we have been required to harmonize in action
for the support of our various Christian institutions.

Our beloved friend Hannah C. Backhouse - and several
friends from neighbouring parishes, are acceptably with us.

We conclude - desiring that the blessing of preser-
vation in the year of the Lord may rest upon us, and our
friends.

Sign'd on behalf of the Meeting - by
Ruth, Rodman. Clerk.

To the young women of Boston, Friends of the Cause.
Dear Sisters.

Whilst we are desirous of retaining a place in
the minds of those who love the Lord and wish upon His
name, through the interchange of epistolary correspondence, we are
aware that it is only as these testimonies of Christian fellow-
ship, and as such, a collection of rich manuscripts of the truth,
flowing from the pure incomparable source, the Word of God,
springing up into everlasting life, that the living members
will edify itself in love.

We remarked with much satisfaction, and

210. increasing love amongst friends with you and us
to read the Scriptures of truth in their families; a prac-
tice sanctioned by the experience of all those who most
truly believe the record you gave of this love, and espe-
cially calculated when rightly and judiciously entered upon,
to increase true righteousness of spirit, and to promote the
prevalence of religious feeling in our hearts, and the car-
ing friendship in families.

In acknowledging the receipt of your ac-
ceptable Epistle of 10th month last, it is interesting to our
feelings to know, that the subject of education claims the
solid attention of friends. We do sympathize with, and
desire the encouragement of all those who feel, notwith-
standing the difficulties to be surmounted in a new-
ly settled, and perhaps thinly - (in many places) pop-
ulated country, the importance and responsibility of
giving the beloved youth, as far as circumstances will
permit, a religious and guarded education; believing
that not only our own welfare, but the welfare of
Society, is inseparably connected with the early impres-
sions on their minds with regard to our testimonies.

Our feeling is large at this time; and the several
offerings through the continued mercy of our Heavenly Father,
have been measurably owned, we humbly trust by the great
head of the Church. Many causes of exercise still painfully
affect our minds, on which account much excellent Coun-
sel has been offered; and we are renewedly sensible, dear Friends, that
it is only through watchfulness and prayer, that the "gold does
not become dross" - nor the "fine gold change". Friends have
been encouraged to more faithfulness in our various Christian
testimonies - especially that of attending our mid-week meetings -
having an experimental knowledge, that those who are zealous in
this evidence of their love to God, will not find strength to keep
his commandments. Our dear Friend Hannah's reactions
and verbal friends from other Yearly Meetings are acceptable in
attendance with us.

In love we remain your friends

Signed on behalf of the Meeting - by
Rev. P. P. P. P.

To the Society Meeting of Women Missionaries in London.
Beverly, Mass.

In the renewed extension of heavenly blessing, we are again animated and encouraged in this our annual Assembly - believing that the great Head of the Church is graciously disposed to commission our labors - and in unmeasured mercy, is manifesting himself by dispensing his gifts and talents - whereby we desire in humble gratitude and self-commendation to ascribe all glory and honor to His great and excellent Name.

We have been favoured with your acceptable Epistle of last year - which has been read to the edification and encouragement of many minds - and thereby confirming us in the belief, that these testimonials of blessing are one of the ties which we are bound together in the bonds of Christian fellowship.

Solicitous as we feel for the prosperity of Zion, and the enlargement of her borders, we are humbly made sensible that it is only by humble waiting, and entire dependence on the Good Shepherd of Israel, that we can in any degree promote the cause of Truth and Righteousness. May we in all humbly ask wisdom of Him who hath graciously promised - "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask it of God, and it shall be given him." - and he shall be given him.

The state of our religious Society, as presented to our view from the Ancestral to the Future, has been marked with many deficiencies; yet we humbly hope that many have been excited to increased watchfulness - that in the discharge of the important duties assigned us in the Church, we may become increasingly under the regulating influence of the Spirit of Truth, and the redeeming power of the blood of God, which will bring into Gospel simplicity, and order - and unite in our love which must ever distinguish the children of a crucified and risen Lord.

We are comforted in believing an increased

212. A vision has been given to the community of the Holy Spirit
and we hereby arise by the power of his grace to testify
by reverently writing upon our common life's page - you are
with men and more to stand in our hearts.

We desire to acknowledge with gratitude, that this our
holy and heavenly Father has been mercifully using the
redemptive influence of Divine Love - under which we have
been rescued to break the insurrection which has
come upon us in humanity and Christian Love.

We have ever sympathizing and interested by the joyful
labours of our beloved Sister Hannah Chapman. Backhouse -
Can you imagine how from my heart, I cherish the
honourably acceptedly participated in the exercises of this meeting.

With a salutation of Love, we are your friends.

Sign'd on behalf of the Meeting - By
Ruth, Proaman - Clerk.

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To the 4th meeting of our friends at North Carolina.

Dear Friends.

Although we have not at this season communi-
cated with an Epistolary Communication from you, we are desirous
that we may be kept open for an interchange of this kind, believ-
ing that much good shall be the result thereof - and while we
deeply feel that of ourselves we can do no good thing, it is we trust in
a quickening of their Love which is both incited and new that we are
engaged to address you.

During the several sittings of this meeting the Canon
of the Holy Spirit has been felt to be as a covering for the
meeting of our spirits in a living engagement for the help, strength
and encouragement one of another in the most Holy Faith; and we are
humbly comforted from the convincing persuasion that the Love is
still manifest of us - and remains to be strength to show that there
we have to the Father; may we therefore by an humble trust in
His aid and His continued mercy that we may be enabled to
stand firm, who in the light of the world, and have promised to
abide with us forever. It is by frequently returning to wait upon the
Holy Spirit, and to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit, and to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

sailing, have more seasons of brights tonight, in which they have
 do an increase in the increase of love to be better than the increase
 of Corn, Wine or Oil. It may be with some, that when about to close
 their meetings in the middle of the week many discouraging moments, and
 outward difficulties, are to be encountered; but these seasons of
 drawing from worldly cares hereafter, blessed to many, and have good
 times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

In love we salute you and bid you affectionately
 Farewell.

Signed in behalf of the meeting - by
 Eliza H. Rodman, Clerk.

 To Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.
 Dear Sisters.

Your acceptable Epistle has been received, and we
 gratefully acknowledge that a feeling of sisterly regard has been
 strengthened in the reading thereof at this time. May we by in-
 creased waterfulness and dedication of heart, experience the cementing
 influence of the Father's love, so to bind us together as to witnesses
 in acceptably offering the tribute of thanksgiving and praise unto
 Him, who is "the way, the truth, and the life": thus have we
 prove an encouragement to those in the morning of life, uncon-
 veyed to give up their hearts to serve the Lord, who will in no wise
 "give his glory to another - nor his praise to strange images". For this
 Class, our minds have longedingly impressed with fervent desire that
 they may bow under divine visitation, and by faithful exercise
 from their allegiance unto Him who is King of Kings, and
 Lord of Lords. How have some of your precious minds, dear young
 Sisters, been brought to feel the emptiness of earthly enjoyments; and
 measurably to surrender your hearts to serve the Lord? Oh, how you may
 so yield to the operation of renewing love, that it may especially
 remove not only the weeds and the tar, but the reprobate silver;
 that when assailed by afflictive dispensations you can repair with
 confidence and hope unto Him whom it is testified - "In all
 their afflictions, He was afflicted - and the Angel of his presence, re-
 and them".

We are encouraged by the belief that an increased Con-
 cern is present in the minds of Friends in the meeting, and they

294: Scriptures in our families: we humbly crave that under the
qualifying influence of the Holy Spirit, a higher application
of its precepts may be found, whereby we may be enabled not
only to do, but to suffer; believing there is cause to cheer some, in
the persecution of which some of us, who condisciples to
Christ, the meek in judgment. He will, He will teach his
way.

Our dear Quine Hannah C. Backhouse and several
others from other yearly meetings, are acceptably with us on
the present occasion.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting - By
Ruth, Birdman, Clerk.

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At a Yearly Meeting of American Friends held at New York
in Piquette Island, Georgia - of representatives from the 10th of
the 6th Monthly - to the 10th of the same - inclusive - 1834.

After agreeing to the conclusion of last year, and after
a session of business retirement proceeded to business.

We have received accounts from all our Quarterly
Meetings, which have been read, and we are therefore
informed that their respective representatives are
as follow viz:

For Philadelphia - Hannah Dennis, Anna J. Perkins,
Anna Thore, Mrs. Anthony, and Elizabeth Pickham,
For New Brunswick - Hannah Collins, Hannah Breed, Elizabeth
Patterson, Rebecca Page, Elizabeth Smith, and
Lydia Davis.

Sandwich Island - Howard, Mary A. Tucker, Anna
Hawthorne, Alice Bernard, Susanna Gardner, Mary
Hill and Mary Shepherd.

Smithfield - Alice Rathbone, Sarah Shaw, Ruth Fry,
Mary Butler and Hannah Collins.

The month - Hannah H. Jones, Mary Read, Lydia
J. Tuttle and Phoebe Cobb.

Cassatons - Capital, T. Liff, C. W. Nichols, Saml.
Hewitt, Abigail Warr, Tabitha Bartland and Lavinia
Potter.

Next day afternoon all again met together in the
 the representatives having conferred together on the
 subject of selecting friends to serve this meeting as
 clerk and assistant have prepared Hannah
 Gouldson and Susan Howland which being
 reported to the meeting they are appointed for the
 present year.

A Certificate for our beloved friends Elizabeth
 Cogswell from who is now acceptably with us
 from New York Monthly Meeting of Friends held
 the 4th of 6th month 1834 was received and read.

Acceptable Epistles from our beloved sisters of
 the Yearly Meetings of London, New York, Indiana,
 Ohio, North Carolina, Philadelphia and Baltimore
 containing instructive counsel, and solid remarks
 have been read & received and read to the comfort
 and encouragement of many minds. We have
 appointed our friends Alice Rathbun, Harriet Coker,
 Anna & Jenkins, Betsey Perinton, Sophronia Paige,
 Mary B. Allen, Sarah E. Haslam, Lydia Broad, Eliza-
 beth Wang, Mary Howland, Sarah Tucker, Elizabeth
 Peckham, Mary Tabor, Mary Card, Mary & Tucker,
 Hannah H. Lewis, Mary E. Wood, Deborah & Amosette,
 Abigail Bell, Mary & John Sand, George & Pinkham, Mary
 Thayer, Ann & Mary and Roxana Lucia & Lou ^{and Mary Davis} to
 consider the subject of addresses those meetings and present
 their reports at the next.

We adjourn to the hour our new friends may conclude
 to meet tomorrow.

The Queries have been read, with answers from all
 our Quarterly Meetings: in reviewing the answers the
 sciences presented have been such that it is
 indeed a time of weakness in our borders, and
 under the feeling of tender concern we have been
 earnestly and affectionately encouraged to an in-
 creased and faithful discharge of duty in
 endeavoring to strengthen the things that remain.

and in promoting the cause of truth in our respective allotments.

We select our friends Mary Taber, Anna L. Buffum, Mary Crockett, Lydia P. Fry and Deborah Farnsworth to prepare a summary from the answers and present at a future sitting.

A satisfactory report of the Boarding School Committee has been made thus as follows viz.

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Boarding School Committee report that they have endeavored to discharge the services assigned to them by the Yearly Meeting, during the past year, in attending to the various concerns of the Institution, which have been conducted to a great degree of efficiency.

Meetings have been regularly continued, and harmonious has been preserved. The average number of scholars has been one hundred and sixty eight; seven of whom have been pupils in the department of the School for instruction in languages, &c. The School is continued under the immediate supervision of Brethren and Ladies Friends in which capacity they are assisted by Stephen and Hannah Gould. John Griscom is still usefully employed to superintend the Literary Department of the Institution. Moses A. Cartland, Emily Cook and Amos L. Bacon are employed as Teachers in the Boys' School, and Deborah Farnsworth, Mary F. Griscom, Caroline Cartland, Martha Barker and Anna T. Lockwood in the Girls'. Samuel J. Sumner is continued in charge of the department for Languages, &c.

The accounts of the Treasurer and Superintendent have been examined and settled; and the Committee propose that the terms of admission be continued the same as last year; and that the privilege of sending one child six months free of expense, be continued to monthly Meetings. Friends are requested not to neglect the established regulation of the School, that

expensive, and it is better to pay in advance.

The Committee believe it proper to recommend to Friends in sending their children to the School, to be as much as may be, the friends of time, proposed two years since, viz. at the time of our Yearly Meeting or in the first week of the second, fifth, eighth and eleventh month.

The importance of maintaining plainness of dress in the inmates of this Institution has often claimed the serious attention of the Committee and we think it right at this time to revive with Friends the necessity of having their children habited in plain attire and that no articles of apparel, unsuitable through want of plainness, be brought by them to the School. And that the Committees of Monthly Meetings may be enabled to render the necessary advice and assistance. Friends are requested to be careful to make application to them for certificates in sufficient season to afford them this opportunity.

In reviewing the state of the School for the past year, we feel bound gratefully to acknowledge that the family and scholars have been preserved in health, and that the Institution continues to afford encouraging evidence of its usefulness to the youth of our Society.

Signed on behalf of the School Committee at a Meeting held the 2nd of 5th Month 1834
William Tenting, Clerk.

Resolved that the Committee on the subject of plainness at the Yearly Meeting, and at the time of the 1st of 5th month.

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting.

The Committee to whom was committed the proposition, that our Yearly Meeting be moved to a more central place, have several times during the past year and now have the subject under consideration. It is our hope that the Committee will be enabled to day — a free interchange of sentiment and

feeling on the subject referred to the Committee having taken place which has been accompanied by a complete absence of concern on their mind: so to move as to preserve the harmony of the body - the same with which we previously concurred to report to the Yearly Meeting a recommendation for a revision of the subject another year under the care of a Committee.

At the 7th 1828 signed in behalf of the Committee

Stephen A. Chase Clerk.

This report was accepted and the case continued under the care of the same Committee.

The delay in the time our members may expect to meet tomorrow.

I have just received your letter of the 10th inst.

The Committee have appointed to go to the Yearly Meeting have presented one, which has been read, and with some alteration approved, and is as follows viz:

It appears by accounts from our several Districts, that the same diligence for religious instruction and discipline have been kept up, (with a few exceptions by reason of storm weather, and generally attended by a considerable portion of our members, yet a want of engagement in this important duty, particularly in the attendance of those in the middle of the week is apparent amongst us on account of which labour has been restricted. Mostly preserved from slothful and other unbefitting behaviour thereon.

A good degree of love and unity is maintained amongst us and many friends are concerned to guard against detraction, yet we fear not so generally as truth requires. Some differences have appeared care has been taken to end them.

A care rests on the minds of many friends to bring up those under their care in accordance with our Discipline, and are engaged to be good examples herein themselves, yet an

an obvious departure from the simplicity of our profession in these respects is sorrowfully apparent amongst us. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families.

Friends appear to be clear of the improper use of spirituous liquors, except in one instance which is under notice: some reserve in regard to the attendance of places of amusement: a good degree of moderation is preserved on account of births marriages and on other occasions.

The circumstances of the poor are attended to and their necessities relieved: their children partake in learning. one instance of a child placed from a poor family.

Many Friends are careful that all proceedings with regard to marriage be conformable to discipline: yet it appears that all are not enough concerned to discourage deviations in this particular: several instances are acknowledged of out-going in marriage and company keeping on that account.

Friends appear to be careful in the maintenance of our testimonies in regard to the several parts of the 7th and 8th queries.

Our records are generally attended to and care taken where deficiencies in regard to certificates have appeared.

Care has been taken to deal with offenders, we trust in the manner queried after, and judgment placed when necessary according to Discipline.

It appearing expedient to have a Committee to
may claim our attention at this time — we
may claim our attention at this time — we

Since the meeting of the Yearly Meeting at
 Philadelphia, Phil. Holland, John Smith,
 and John Brown, W. Jones, Hannah Perkins,
 Elizabeth Sturges and Lucia Ross to the
 service.

The subject of the guarded literary and reli-
 gious education of the beloved youth having been
 revised in this meeting claimed its solid and
 weighty attention, and we refer the considera-
 tion of the same together with the nomination
 of a Boarding School Committee for the year ensuing
 to the above named Committee.

We adjourn to the hour our own friends may
 conclude to meet this afternoon.

Next day afternoon, met near the 11th hour.

The London Friend's Epistle for the year 1833
 replete with information, cautious counsel and
 encouragement has been read to our satisfaction.

The committee under appointment to meet
 with Committees from other Yearly Meetings in
 general conference have presented the following
 report viz:

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting

The Committee appointed by this Meeting last year
 to visit in general conference with similar Committees
 of other Yearly Meetings of Friends on this Continent report,

That several of their number proceeded soon after
 the close of our last Yearly Meeting to Baltimore and
 there met and conferred with Friends appointed for
 similar purposes by the Yearly Meetings of Friends of
 New York, Baltimore, Virginia, North Carolina (Ohio
 and Indiana) — and after a united consideration
 of the subject directed to their attention by the General
 Yearly Meetings, agreed on a report, which is herewith
 presented — and by which it will be perceived that
 way did not open for the General Committee under
 the circumstances in which they were assembled to

do anything more than simply to suggest these
 views, without making any distinct proposition
 for another meeting; yet from the importance that
 has heretofore been felt by Friends of this Yearly Meeting,
 to attach to this concern we would suggest for consid-
 eration the propriety of referring the subject by minutes
 to another year.

In test., &c. On behalf of the Committee,

18, 1834

Wm. Chapman, Secy
 Lewis Ward

This report being acceptable to the meeting we have in
 unison with our more friends believed it right to
 release the Committee — and refer the subject to
 another year — The report, alluded to in the above
 having been read is satisfactory and is as follows —
 viz —

To the Yearly Meetings of New England, New York,
 Baltimore, Virginia, North Carolina, Ohio, and
 Indiana.

Committees of the Yearly Meetings above men-
 tioned, having met in Baltimore annually to ap-
 pointment, on the 1st day of the 7th month 1833,
 proceeded to the consideration of the subjects di-
 rected to their attention by the several Yearly
 Meetings.

The weight of responsibility of our appoint-
 ment and the duties devolving upon us have been
 felt to be peculiarly impressive, not only from the
 nature of the subjects demanding our attention,
 but from the circumstance that many of those
 who are under this appointment are now absent,
 as well as from other considerations that have
 had an influence on our minds at the present
 time.

We are aware that from the wide extent over
 which the Society is spread, and from a variety
 of other causes, it is not easy to collect the

under such an appointment to you there should have
yet we have very forcibly felt in our present situa-
tion the caution to be for we may form conclusions
on the subject before we make propositions to the
Bulwark to which we have been appointed to. But
on the other hand the necessity of this guard has be-
come we have believed that the duties of our appoint-
ment demand that we should suggest with freedom
the views which have been presented to our minds
during our deliberations on the present occasion.

In humbly waiting on the Great Head of the
Church and the trust under a measure of His
blessing influence we have been renewed &
made sensible that the design of Infinite Wisdom
in gathering and preserving the Society as a dis-
tinct People, has been that they should be, how-
ever widely scattered one body, holding the same
precious Truth and bound together by the bonds
of brother fellowship, Christian communion,
and brotherly love; that we should be members
one of another, having so near and intimate
a relation to each other, that if one member
or portion of the body suffer, all the members
suffer with it, and if one member be honored,
all the members rejoice with it. This intimate
relation of the different parts of the body to each
other, and the strength they instrumentally
derive from participating together of the one
vital Source of strength and consolation lies
at the foundation of our religious institution.
It is on this general ground that Meetings
both for worship and discipline have been
established, and for this mutual assistance
the connection and gradation of Meetings
for business, have led from Preparative to
Monthly, from Monthly to Quarterly, and
from Quarterly to Yearly Meetings, with

connection and subordination established by this order it has been well known has been for rendering mutual assistance, and tendering loving care of the flock. To preserve the relation in which the several Yearly Meetings stand to each other, as making up one body, united by joints and bands, our Epistolary correspondence was instituted and has been maintained and at different periods, committees, by special invitation, have been sent by one or more Yearly Meetings to unite with the Meeting requesting the request, in the consideration of important subjects. And the separate meetings of Committees, in the capacity in which we are convened has been adopted as occasions have appeared to demand. We do not look to stated or frequent recurrence of meetings of Committees of this character, but we apprehend that the best interests of our Society demand, that the necessity of mutual counsel and assistance, in cases of a general nature, should be strongly impressed on the minds of Friends. — While the Yearly Meetings must exercise their own discretion in fulfilling their reciprocal obligations, in such manner as the wisdom of the Great Head of the Church may direct, whether by Epistolary communications or by Committees from the several Yearly Meetings, mingling with the Meeting requesting assistance, or by Committees in general conference or whatever mode may be best adapted to the object.

Under these solemn impressions, we have approached the consideration of the specific subjects referred to us by the different Yearly Meetings. There may chiefly be comprehended in these divisions, 1st. The setting up and

discontinuance of Yearly Meetings, with the different
 objects connected with or growing out of such proceed-
 ings. 2nd. A greater uniformity and agreement of
 the Discipline of the several Yearly Meetings, in their
 more important points. And lastly, the examination
 and circulation of Books of a Doctrinal or Historical
 character, affecting the reputation or interests of the
 Society, together with the presentation of memorials
 to the General government, on behalf of the African
 descendants.

In regard to the setting up and laying down
 of Yearly Meetings and what may be necessarily
 connected with such, we apprehend there is a gen-
 eral assent throughout the Society, that some res-
 olutions touching these objects are demanded.

We have no doubt that it is the prevailing sen-
 timent in the different Yearly Meetings, that the
 body of Society should be, in some way, consulted
 on such occasions. If therefore it should be
 found, that the subject has so long rested on
 the minds of Friends as to have ripened into
 a conclusion, that no single Yearly Meeting
 should take a step of so much importance, if
 Friends are prepared, (which we have no doubt
 is the case,) when a Yearly Meeting is impres-
 sed with a belief that it would be proper for
 it to be desired, or for its own character as a
 Yearly Meeting to cease - to communicate
 their their proposal to the other Yearly Meetings,
 and invite their participation in the concern, we
 do not apprehend that any injury will arise from
 our not proposing the manner in which that
 assistance may be afforded. The several Yearly
 Meetings so invited will exercise their own dis-
 cretion and freedom, whether to participate in the
 consideration or not, or whether in rendering their
 fraternal assistance to do it by, written communi-

indications or by committees to meet at the Society
 meeting concerned in the matter.

The second subject, relating to the circumstances
 now found in the Discipline of the several Yearly
 Meetings, has also engaged our weighty attention.

These circumstances in important points affect-
 ing the order of Society, the intercourse withings
 and the rights of membership or even excom-
 munication, have increased to an extent, we think
 as we apprehend, very serious consequences at pres-
 ent and portending, unless some remedy should
 be applied, results which cannot be anticipated
 without a deep feeling of concern. There are here
 ever, that notwithstanding the importance of this
 topic has long been felt, and perhaps, before this
 time universally acknowledged in the Society, it
 will necessarily be a work of time, and even the
 manner of obtaining it will require still
 further to be referred in the minds of Friends.

But as we continue under the concern, we ex-
 pect for the unfoldings of that wisdom by which
 alone the prosperity of the Church can be promoted.
 The difficulties which now appear to lie in the way
 will be removed, and the prevalence of Harmony
 and brotherly love and the nearer approximation
 of our codes of Discipline, will be advanced together.
 If this concern should rest on the minds of Friends
 at the several Yearly Meetings, and when any of
 them may apprehend that any important change
 of a general nature in their own Discipline may
 be attended with advantage, this information should
 be communicated to the other Yearly Meetings, with
 an invitation in brotherly love for their participa-
 tion in the consideration of the subject we doubt
 not, that way will be made for such an inter-
 change of sentiment and feeling as will tend to
 remove the deepest Abyss. The wisdom which

from above, so that it is waited for, and this will not
incline our hearts to bear one another's burdens but
to point out the manner by which the needed com-
fort can be most effectually obtained.

The sanctioning of works affecting the character
of the Society, and the presentation of petitions to
the General Assembly, are both subjects of import-
ance and have been forwarded for the considera-
tion of this Committee. In our deliberations on them
we have believed that an increasing concern for
the Society at large, that a greater guard be
placed over them. The Disciples of the Spirit
in yearly Meetings have included them within
the constitutional powers of the several Meetings
for sufferings. And yet, in particular occasions
of importance, assistance has been invited by
some of them. Meetings and rendered ^{to} them in
some cases by public communications, and in
others by Committees. The prevalence of such
has been a deep cause of the relations in which the
different parts of the Society stand to each other
we apprehend with firmness of spirit is increased
the freedom which hitherto has existed between
these Meetings in opening the way for mutual
counsel and assistance in cases of general in-
terest and universal concern, and in such
manner as best wisdom may direct. The
greater facility of circulating Friends Books is
also a subject interesting to the Society at large.

The question proposed by one of the Yearly Meet-
ings: — Whether there should be stated times for
the meetings of Committees from the several
Yearly Meetings, has not escaped our attention.

We consider it virtually answered in the fore-
going part of this Report, so far as we think it
consistent for us to answer. Its such an an-
swer has appeared to us to be necessary, but

and the whole subject of mutual counsel and
exchange of sentiments and feelings between
the several friends attending to this will show
how far they have gone in the consideration
of particular subjects, and how much the
wisdom of Southey's state.

Agreed on behalf of a meeting of the Committee
of the Massachusetts, aforesaid, held at Balti-
more on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th of the 7th month,
1833, by

Thomas Sturtevant

Amos A. Mott

Samuel Parsons

Dorothy Perkins

Hugh Calderston

Asahel O. H. S. S. S. S.

Thomas Ladd

Margaret Morris.

William H. H. H.

William H. H.

William H. H.

Our beloved friend Hannah C. in a house informed
this morning that the period of the
release from religious service in this land would
arrive before another year's history. Therefore
we agreed on friends to visit B. and C. and to take
care of them. Therefore they have been to
B. and C. and have been to visit with
our dear friends in preparing for a certificate
and the same committee it seemed to be rare
endorsements to place on the certificates and min-
utes of those friends who are in this time acceptably
with us from other friends.

We adjourn to the time our dear friends may
be able to visit us.

On the day that agreeably to adjournment near the 1st near
Essays of Epistles to the Friends of the Friends of the Friends
Ohio, New York and Philadelphia have been read
approved and signed.

The Committee on the subject of the first and
 minute meetings of the friends of the cause
 held their meeting on the 17th inst.

The Committee on the subject of the first and
 minute meetings of the friends of the cause
 held their meeting on the 17th inst. and
 having the honor to receive the presence of the
 friends of the cause, that they have, as occasion seemed to re-
 quire, and have given some attention to the
 subject of the subject and are united in the belief that
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On behalf of the Committee,

August 6th, 1834

Moses Parker,

Peter Thirion

The report being acceptable to the meeting and the
 proposal of the continuation of a committee approved,
 friends are united in the reappointment of the same
 committee with the addition of the following in
 the place of the following deceased.

The friends who have the charge of nominating the
 members of the Committee for the present year have
 chosen the following names viz. Anne Williams
 Elizabeth Williams, Maria Williams, Elizabeth Williams
 Elizabeth Williams, Maria Williams, Elizabeth Williams

Abel Graham, Anna & Jenkins, Elizabeth Arnold
 Elizabeth Arnold, Maria Howland, Elizabeth Howland, Maria
 Howland, Anna Howland, Susanna Gardner, Sarah White
 Elizabeth Williams, Maria Williams, Elizabeth Williams

Anna Howland, Maria Howland, Elizabeth Howland, Maria
 Howland, Anna Howland, Susanna Gardner, Sarah White
 Elizabeth Williams, Maria Williams, Elizabeth Williams

Which being acceptable to the meeting they are appointed
 to that service.

The adjournment to the same hour next week may be
 closed to meet tomorrow.

As the evening drew near the sala hour
 our representatives being called are all present who
 present the first selling - one friend's wife who
 is an infant & a friend's wife.

A brief and impressive Memorial from Hallowell
 presented and approved. The Hallowell Quarterly Meeting
 has been read at this time concerning our dear deceased
 friend Edward Cobb who being wind & wet spent his
 last language to those who survive him "Follow me
 as I have intended to follow Christ."

Forms of Queries to the Yearly Meetings of North Caro-
 lina, Baltimore, London and Indiana, have been
 read approved and signed.

The Clerks were directed to place endorsements on
 the certificates of our friends who are with us from
 Hallowell in Hallowell.

We adjourned to the sala hour this afternoon.
 afternoon met at the sala hour.

The Committee under appointment for that purpose
 presented a certificate on behalf our beloved friend
 Hannah C. Backhouse which was read approved
 and directed to be signed by the Clerks.

The subject of the grounds, literary and religious
 instruction of the children and youth of our Society
 having been opened before us at the previous Yearly
 Meeting of the Society and we have believed it desirable
 that we might be possessed of a more intimate
 knowledge of the state of Education in our Yearly
 Meeting - we have therefore united with our men-
 friends in the proposition that the following min-
 utes of advice, together with the subjoined Queries be
 transmitted to our subordinate Meetings. viz.

The interesting concerns of Education having been
 brought forward at the Yearly Meeting, it is the earnest desire of the body
 thus assembled, that Friends may endeavor,
 where it is practicable, to establish

to be within the Department's monthly meetings, to be kept the same place as usual, and the same number of members may be excepted from the regular series from religious associations and moral and other principles in conformity to our Christian profession. To be well instructed in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament, to be well taught, and such improved instruction to be adopted as will best promote their advancement in useful learning. These schools should be visited monthly or often by committees of men and women chosen and appointed by the Meeting before whom the children should be exercised in the several branches taught in the School. And in those places where it appears impracticable to establish Preparative or Monthly Meeting Schools, it is desired that Friends may endeavor to constitute Family Schools, in which the Children of one or more Families may daily assemble for literary instruction, by some Teacher qualified to instruct. And Friends are again here directed to exercise a becoming liberality in providing Teachers and means of instruction in all these schools.

To give also a correct and faithful importance to our Society and religious welfare, and that the Society Meeting may be furnished with correct information relative thereto, Preparative Meetings are directed to transmit to their respective Monthly Meetings a statement of the number of children within their limits, according to the Inquired Duces and insert their answers in the several columns of the form accompanying, which returns are to be forwarded by the Monthly to the Quarterly Meetings, and a condensed statement of the facts thus collected, to be prepared by the Clerks of the Quarterly Meetings, or by a Committee appointed for that purpose, and forwarded with their next annual accounts to this Meeting.

What number of children have been schooled in the past year? Distinguishing between male and female children, and also between those under the age of four and those over that age.

What number of children have been kept under the care of the Society during the past year? Distinguishing between those who have been kept in the Family Schools.

What has been the average duration of the schools under the care of Friends, within the year?

What number of Teachers have been employed in the schools, within the year? Distinguishing between male and female Teachers.

What number of children are there in your meeting who have attended District, Annual, and Yearly Meetings? Distinguishing between male and female, and also between those under the age of fourteen and those over that age.

Is there care taken that the books used in the schools are of the best quality, and that the teachers are well qualified?

Preparative Meetings are requested to prepare Answers to the Queries, in sufficient season for such answers to be forwarded to the Yearly Meetings that will be held in the fourth and fifth months next year. Resolutions should also be forwarded.

The Clerk is directed to forward to the Yearly Meetings transcripts of Epistles received, together with Extracts from the minutes of this Meeting.

We are desirous to commemorate the centennial anniversary of our Heavenly Father in the Year 1800, and to have the following hymn sung at the Yearly Meetings.

of the and Christian, and also to be concerned
for our own souls, and have been engaged in
endeavouring to improve the condition of the
the Peruvian people. We believe it ought to cheer
towards the land of the friends, feelings of love
and sympathy, with a determination to do them good
and save souls. We have felt the spirit of instruction
to arise, that the Lord himself, who is of the oppressed
now be pleased to visit this people with his grace,
which is indeed effectual in edification and im-
provement, and also to make them hearts to receive
the good influences.

The children are gathered within the house
and have been very feelingly instructed, and
we are comforted in the persuasion, and we
are comforted in the persuasion that the universal
Saviour of mankind will regard these his re-
pentant children, and in His wondrous love and
mercy speak to their souls the word of comfort
and encouragement, and the animating lan-
guage of the Redeemer has seemed peculiarly
applicable to these. Wait on the Lord he of good
courage and he shall strengthen thine heart.
Wait on the Lord he of good

Our beloved young people have been the
objects of much solicitude to the exercised amongst
us that the present may prove to them a season
of instruction that they may carefully retain every
good lesson and profitable impression which they have
received, and may thus advance in the
truth since that the dew of Heaven has indeed been
upon them, and that they may be able to give
evidence of their faith, and that they may be able to
be able to do so.

To the Youngest children of the Church of Christ in the
 Boston

Having been permitted again to meet at this
 annual assembly, we have been favoured to expe-
 rience a continuation of those who represent the
 concerns of his children; we have been favoured to expe-
 rience the overshadowing wing of their prayers and
 their comforting influence of their love, which if dwell
 under, and suffered to have its full effects, would con-
 tribute the heart, and introduce us unitedly into that
 true Christian Fellowship, which is united with the
 Father and with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Your acceptable Epistle of last year has been read
 at this time, together with the other four most of it.
~~It has been read in this Convention and we have~~
 been often reminded to believe that as the chan-
 nel of communication is maintained in the life,
 it will continue to be a hospitable house, by
 which we that are with it is in times and they
 speak the same language and enter,
 and enter us joyfully to battle for the free-
 dom of one of another.

Although we may be the afflictions of the
 truly exercise, yet we are bound reverently to ac-
 knowledge, that in proportion as we are engaged
 to the work of the Lord, our expectations, having our hope
 and expectations centered in Jesus the only source
 of all our precious consolation and support
 are often referred to the humble admiration
 of the true believe and the expression of our
 thanksgiving that is sensibly entered in the world
 of our tribulation, but be of good cheer, I
 "have overcome the world"

Those amongst us who are in the responsible sta-
 tion of mothers, have been encouraged to bring them
 up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; under-
 stand to instruct them in the important doctrines

of Christianity with that reverence and confidence which
 by choice and habit is a 'habit' Thou shalt teach them and
 shalt walk with the children, and shalt talk of them when thou sit-
 test in the house and when thou goest by the way and
 when thou liest down and when thou risest up. Parents
 care and watchfulness are often blamable in relation to the
 young, but from habit and neglecting the duty
 of the Lord to receive the Lord's Word and to be
 duly cultivated and to be full fruits of service to the
 cause of the Great Redeemer. Now we are your
 friends and will continue to be so until death. We
 will be the refining of creation on your land. We will
 be from the work of righteousness to be peace, and the
 effect thereof, witness and assurance forever.

We have been at the time of the meeting, and
 we loved friend Hannah C. Backhouse from home
 and with several friends from the West. We
 are yours.

With the salutations of love, we bid you affectionately
 farewell.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

Hannah Gouldsleeve Clerk.

To Virginia Pearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters

Under a perfect sense of the need of a
 more perfect Union, I feel that without whose aid
 no glorious service can be accomplished. We are
 address you, and although in a feeling of much weakness,
 it is our trust, under the comforting influence of that
 power which prepares the mind to greet each other in a
 more perfect fellowship, even as deep earthly unity
 and as a perfect Union, we are bound to be
 united in love. We are bound to be united in
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 a perfect Union, we are bound to be united in

standeth here, having this seal. The Lord knoweth them that are his, and we are encouraged to trust in him, as is as a pillar of fire by night, and a pillar of cloud by day. We all sustaining arm is underneath you, the Father of our dependent children, who from a voice of the Lord, discouragements that are set before us, are at times ready to adopt the language of the Psalmist, "Why are thou so long in coming, O Lord?" We are comforted with the promise, "I will be Father to the fatherless, and the Lord of the orphaned." We are encouraged by the help of our countenance, and my God.

A considerable degree of that love which first gathered us to be a people has been able to impart to a number of our friends the several duties of piety, and success in pursuing to the sustaining of many friends. Such and such in their path at the time recorded for them in many ways, according to the present state of the Kingdom of God, and the blessing of the Lord, may not be from them, we are encouraged in believing that many of this kind of people, who are now in a state of trial, are the recipients of divine grace, preparing the heart to receive the word of God, and to be able to say, "Such this language is applicable. O thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

In perceiving the present state of Society, we have been encouraged to persevere in our efforts, and to be assured of the support of our friends, to be assured, notwithstanding our difficulties, we are not alone, and the faithful labourers comparatively few, yet we are thankful in believing that there are many in the Kingdom of God, and the faithful in the Church.

Our distressed and sorrowful condition, and the sufferings of our friends, who are the more immediate witnesses thereof, we desire that you may be encouraged to persevere in your benevolent efforts for their relief. We are all to be engaged fervently to intercede with the

the Maria Mutinos, which has been truly acceptable.

We salute you in much love and sisterly regard.

Signed on behalf of the Mutinos,

James M. Mutino

and

John M. Mutino

and

John M. Mutino

and

John M. Mutino

under the influence of Divine Love, to feel ourselves in

our grief strengthened and encouraged to submit

to our griefs and sorrows in the

the direction and assistance of our Holy Lord, we

call to you in the most affectionate

and

From other yearly meetings, has had a tendency

to draw together, we trust, in Christian Fellowship; and

we much desire that in this intercourse, the favour of

the Holy Spirit be preserved, and that we may experience an

increase of faith in the precious blood of God's

son and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

We trust it has been highly interesting to you

to find that our minds have been drawn in affection

to each other, and the dear friends of our

our understanding and our hearts are united. What this

union is, is a testimony of a Father's love, and a

testimony of the Holy Spirit's presence. But

what is to be known of God, is manifest within, and

may be a testimony of our love, and of our

experience that a ^{very} ^{valuable} ^{testimony} ^{is} ^{given} ^{by} ^{the} ^{Holy} ^{Spirit}

being a Shepherd of Israel, will alone secure a right

qualification to minister in our day, and in the

cause of truth and righteousness, and to be a

the same, are the followers of the Gospel of our Lord
and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Our Church has been controlled in a series of the de-
termined apparent unopposed and decided action has
raised to the author of it and that "God shall get
all" and there is no primitive purity and that the
hands of those who were to be workers in the world
shall be strengthened to labour in the vineyard of the
Lord - willing to fill up their allotted stations in
the ranks of mine, and afterwards to have their lives
and conversations consistent with our high as-
surance that they may not, by their example, cause
a stumbling block to be thrown in the way of
others is assured.

We feel a keen interest and concern for the
beloved youth of our Society, believing there is a lot
abiding therein the Church. While she now she
may be lost, but as they are engaged faithfully
to attend to what is made manifest, we personally
believe ability will be afforded to pressing forward
in the line of duty. When some when a sacrifice
is required, such to reach the rose, but rather to wil-
ling to follow the Divine Master whithersoever He
shall lead remembering that it is only by faithfulness
in the little that we can be made better and more.
As the precious youth are thus concerned to walk
in the narrow way that leads to life, we have reason
to hope that this will be a succession of strong and
learners in the Militant Church, when those who are
now as motion in space, shall have exchanged the
scene, for one of eternal duration.

Our present annual assembly which is unusually
large has we trust, been opened in spirit in whose
presence there is life, and we have been favoured
to transact the important concerns that have
come before us, in much harmony and sisterly
love.

to be the best the company of the most
 faithful and sincere friends of the
 cause of the colored people. It is
 a many years, that the Lord still continues,
 to send forth his faithful servants.

I cordially unite with you in sympathy for the
 African descendants, and in desire for the
 improvement of their condition.

With the facination of love we remain your af-
 fective friend.

Yours in Christ, and in mission.

Harriet L. Gould Hunt Clerk.

My friends,

In assembling ourselves together at this
 time, we have been favoured through infinite mercy,
 to escape the overshadowing wing of ancient abod-
 ers to the baptizing, and gathering our minds to
 a deep and humble sense of our dependence upon Him
 who is "God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Let not your hearts be troubled ye believe
 in God believe as we must.

In deliberating on the important subjects that
 have come before us during the several sittings of this
 Convention we have been enabled to attain a degree
 of unanimity of opinion and in a measure
 the present state of our cause and interest in the
 progress of the advancement of the cause of truth, and
 the encouragement one of another to every good word
 and work.

From the foregoing it is evident that we
 have offered to the instruction and comfort of many
 in our midst. We have been favoured to address on the
 important subject of an early and religious attention
 to the right of voting. Your humble friends are that
 it may be our earnest desire to bring them up in the

and deploring many minds into a belief that both
of the latter and the former are the subjects of serious
concern to our people, and that all the measures which

The weighty concerns which have come before us have
in connection with many and various other things, and
though the state of such as presented to us by the au-
thority of the President has been to day, reaching a point
and a moment of time of serious and important con-
sideration, yet we are convinced in the belief that a
large amount of business, on this part of the
subject, to which the precious cause of truth is
in some measure connected to stand for the time and
to be brought and are as well, preparing the way
for of the nation to their satisfaction.

much encouragement and comfort have
been extended to the young, and may the
interesting part of the family appreciate their many
privileges, particularly that of attending our public
schools, which is a truly excellent system
of an efficient discipline, and the accom-
panying of yourselves together, as the manner of some
of us. We are led to believe that faithfulness and
dedication in this important cause, will be
rewarded with a blessing, which will be
a truly rich, to which no sorrow will be added.

We have been much interested by the
information contained in the report of your com-
mittee on Indian concerns, and we desire your en-
couragement in your benevolent exertions for the
help and improvement.

The efforts and the dignified conduct of
the officers connected with the benevolent cause
and may be all in some measure, and per-
sently to continue with the people of America, for
the advancement of the afflicted heathen.

We acknowledge the receipt of your acceptable gift
of ninth month, but which is in the construction of a

concerning to your minds.

With the invitation of the same persons
to give us help and support.

Yours and the friends of the

The Indiana Yearly Meeting of Women

Dear Sisters

Having been favoured again to see
a Yearly Meeting capacity, we have had cause to
the several sittings, humbly to commend the good
ness of Him, who continueth to regard the low estate
of His dependent & distressed ones, the living
Heirs of the Christian Church, however miserable. Still
under a sense of unworthiness of the least of His love
and feeling that of ourselves we can do nothing
worthily, trust it is in a measure of God's love that
we are drawn at this time to address you dear sisters.
We believe that our spiritual companions, who
lived in weakness of life, strengthen the bond of
kindness, which of which we are all
on the ground of your acceptance of the Gospel
message.

We have been deeply interested that Master
to right ^{the} correction of our growth, to which our
engagement to furtherance and from the whole
unto Him who hath called to glory and to
unto a better inheritance. But we fully firmly
believing that by a due submission of their wills
to the Cross of Christ, they will experience His grace to
a new and better life.

We have been deeply interested by the information
contained in the report of your minister in his
conference with us for your encouragement in your
devotional and other efforts and improve
ment.

We are assured and again invitation of the

At New England Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, held
in Newport on Rhode Island, from the 15th of the 6th month
to the 17th of the same, inclusive 1832.

Not agreeably to the conclusion of last year, and after a season of retirement, proceeded to business. Accounts were received from all our Quarterly Meetings by which it appears that the representatives are viz: From Rhode Island - Ann. Hopkirk, Lydia Brud, Peter Congdon, Anna Shaw and Eunice Foster.

Salem—Amy Budd, Elizabeth Love, Cassandra Nichols
Dolly Dow^d and Lydia Love 3rd.

Sandwich—Rebecca Wina, Susan Howland Elizabeth
Kelly, Ruth Davis, Sylvia Gunnell, Mary Gardner, Lucia
E. Holbur, Esther Newell and Phoebe Trapp.

Smithfield - Ruth Eule, Ruth Frye, Sophia D. D., Merce
Thayer, Mary B. Allen, and Hannah Arnold.

Namouth - Anne Parmenter, Phebe Pope, Sarah W. Cook
and Martha S. Hawks.

Chesborough: Olive Wing, Lucy Newhall, Rebecca Taber,
Mary B. Winslow and Abigail Farr.

Dover: Ann E. Lang, Phoebe Meader, Mary B. Brown
and Hannah Morrell, who were present except
three, for the absence of two satisfactory reasons
were given.

By the account from Salem Quarter
we are informed that they have united with Salem
Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Cassandra
Nichols to the station of an Elder: and by Calmar
Quarter that they have united with Durham Monthly
Meeting in appointing Eunice Jones to the same station.

Our beloved friend Huldah Hoag from Ferrisburgh
Monthly Meeting, is now acceptably with us and
produced a satisfactory testimonial of the unity
of her friends at home.

We appoint our friends Hannah Arnold,
Ann H. Wena, Elizabeth Parker, Martha C. Hawks
and Betsey Purinton to prepare a summary from
the answers received, and present at a future sitting.

Silly and interesting communications from our
beloved sisters of the Yearly Meetings of London,
New York, Indiana and North Carolina have been
read at this time to our comfort and encouragement.
We select our friends Mary B. Allen, Mary Cards,
Ruth Davis, Elizabeth Love, Hannah Collins, Lydia Brad,
Susan Howland, Hannah S. Foster, Betsey Purinton,
Sophronia Paige, Elizabeth Barker, Anne Purinton,
Elizabeth King, Ann H. King, Ann Hopkins, Mary
B. Brown, Rebecca Taber, Deborah Samuels, Abigail Foster
and Trulove Green to take into consideration the
subject of addressing our friends of other yearly meetings and
present therein as truth may open the way, and report to a
future sitting.

consider the papers
endorsements. &
do for summary.



The representatives are desired to confer together and report to me. Selling the same at a price to serve the members as best they can, and one for each.

2nd day afternoon met near the 1st hour.

Love and unity are in a good degree maintained by most friends yet there appears to be a few instances where it is much wanting, detraction, not so fully guarded against by all as truth requires. Where differences have arisen, care appears to have been taken to end them.

Many friends are concerned to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech, behaviour, and apparel, to restrain them from reading unprofitable books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world, and endeavour to be good examples herein themselves;

whilst others are too permiss in these respects. The Holy Scriptures are read in our families though not so frequently in all as could be profitable. Friends are careful to avoid the use of ~~opium~~ ^{spiruous} liquors except for medicine: one instance of using it is reported and is under the notice of friends: mostly clear of attending places of public resort: moderation appears to be observed on account of births, marriages, burials, and other occasions.

The circumstances of the poor are inspected, and their necessities relieved: the education of their children is attended to: one placed from among friends.

Most parents and heads of families, with the young and unmarried appear to be concerned to maintain our testimony in relation to marriage yet there appears to be a care in some of our members on this account as several instances of company-keeping and marrying out are reported and care extended.

Friends are careful in support of our testimony in regards to the 7th query.

~~Mostly careful in the requisition of the 5th query.~~
Mostly careful in relation to records, some delinquent in regards to certificates.

There appears to much care in the several particulars of the 10th query, yet we are sensible that more extensive labour in some instances, would be useful, in order that judgment might be rightly placed.

A report of the Boarding School Committee has been made, is satisfactory to ^{the} Meeting and is as follows.

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Meeting School Committee report, that they have endeavoured for the past year to discharge the duties committed to them in attending to the various concerns of the Institution which have been conducted

to a good degree of satisfaction. In saying this they have not been unmindful of the efforts which have been made in the establishment of the school, and of its wishes & its benevolent aims.

Students have been constantly kept up, and no one has been dismissed. The average number of scholars has been one hundred, and fifty three. Eleven students have been pupils in the department for languages.

Our friends Seth and Mary Davis of Southbury are now engaged in a department of the school, in place of our friends Enoch and Lydia Baud, who have acceptably served us in that capacity for the past year, and will continue to do so.

Our friend John Triscom has continued his services in the institution during the past year, but his engagement will terminate the first of next month. Isaac Hathaway is employed as book-keeper, and care-taker of the boys, out of school hours, and Christopher Burt has charge of the singing-school, and is care-taker of the girls out of school hours.

Our friends Jonathan & Abner George, Daniel and John Cook are engaged in the boys' school, and Mary Ann Barker, Martha Barker and Emmeline French in the girls'. Samuel Harmon having left the Institution, the instruction in ^{the} languages will be continued under the care of George W. Read; and it is proposed for the future, instead of the term heretofore used, that five dollars per quarter be charged for the studies of the Latin and Greek, in addition to the ordinary price for tuition in the other branches of study.

The accounts of the Institution and disbursements have been examined and settled, from which it appears, that the receipts of the school from the friends, and the amount paid for salaries, have about met the expenses; and the Committee consequently propose

that the terms for board, tuition &c. be continued the same as last year, and that the privilege of sending one child six months, free of expense, be continued to each Monthly Meeting. Friends are requested not to neglect the established regulations of the School, that the expense of each quarter be paid in advance, inasmuch as inconveniences and loss have resulted from the neglect of this rule.

The Committee deem it proper again to recommend to Friends that in sending their children to the School the periods of time proposed three years ago may be observed as far as, practically, viz. at the time of our Monthly Meeting, and in the first weeks of the 2nd, 5th, 8th and 11th months.

On reviewing the past year, in relation to this Institution, we feel that we have cause gratefully to acknowledge the preservation extended to us under which the School has continued to be conducted, we trust, to the benefit of many of the youth of our Society.

By direction and on behalf of the Committee
Yearly Meeting Boarding School, 5th mo 8th, 1853. Arnold Congdon, Clerk.

We appoint our friends Hannah Collins, Mary B. Allen, Elizabeth Barker, Elizabeth King, Joanna Meader, Hannah Arnold, Mary Rowland, Anne Trinton, Sarah Raymond, David Barnstable, Elizabeth Vickham, Mary T. Brown, Phoebe Strader, Lucy Beecham, Hannah Dennis and Sophronia Paige to unite with a similar committee of seven friends to nominate a committee to superintend the concerns of the Boarding School for the ensuing year, and report them at a future sitting for the consideration of the Meeting.

We adjourn to the 3rd hour tomorrow afternoon.

And say afternoon will at the time adjourned to.
The London printed Epistle relate with inter

interesting information, and instructive remarks has been read to our edification.

We adjourn to the hour our men friends may conclude to meet tomorrow.

4th day morning met near the 10th hour,

The following report has been presented by the Committee who have in charge the removal of the Yearly Meeting to a more central place &c. viz.

To the Yearly Meeting,

The committee appointed to consider the subject of the removal of the Yearly Meeting, report, that that they have from time to time given attention during the past year to the subject of their appointment, and at the several discussions which have taken place, and particularly at the meeting now holden, the minds of the Committee have been impressed with a belief that the time is not far distant, when it may be best to remove the Yearly Meeting to some more central place: but believing that the time is not yet arrived we conclude to propose to the Yearly Meeting to continue the subject another year under the care of a Committee.

On behalf of the Committee

6th mo 10th 1835.

Thomas Fry Clerk

This report being read and the subject considered, is acceptable to the meeting and the committee continued, they are desired to give such attention thereto as may be necessary and report next year.

We adjourn to the time our men friends may conclude to meet tomorrow.

11th day afternoon met near the 1st hour

A copy of a letter to James Nayler, Minister of the Gospel, has been read, approved and signed.

Our men friends handed in at this time the Returns from the Quarterly Meetings, as stated to them by their respective preparative Meetings, conformably to the

recommendation of all our friends in answer to this
Letter at that time directed to be given, and to dis-
cuss the subject, we had a delightful assemblage
consisting of Mrs. C. Betsy Townsend, Elizabeth Hays, Susan
Howland, Wanda H. Hays, Elizabeth Parker, Hannah
Collins, Ephraim Page, Lydia Gore, Mary D. Allen and
B. Capron. With them were present Jane Brackett,
Phoebe Pope, Olive Wing, Deborah Ramsdell, Rebecca
Tucker, Mary D. Hays, Jane Hays and Hannah
Hays. To unite with a similar committee of women
friends in the further consideration of this subject.

Congress and Baltimore were read, approved and signed.

The Committee appointed yesterday on the subject of education have presented a report with answers annexed which having been read and deliberated upon were satisfactory to the meeting and are as follows. viz.

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting

The Committee in execution have taken into consideration the subject referred to them — and the religious and moral education of our children and youth appears to be increasingly claiming the serious concern of Friends, and it is much desired that the provisions of our Discipline upon the subject of education may be revived in Friends minds, and put in practice wherever it may be practicable.

The institution of family schools is considered by the Committee a very interesting subject, and it is our ~~very~~ desire that Friends may be encouraged to keep alive a concern for their ~~children~~ ^{children} as well as open for it.

We propose the following Queries for the consideration of the Yearly Meeting to be sent down to our subordinate meetings. viz.

First How many schools are there within your limits, under the care of Friends? — distinguishing between Monthly Meeting — Preparative Meeting, and family schools — and what has been the average duration of these schools during the year?

Second How many children of Friends, have attended Friends' schools during the year?

Monthly Meetings are desired to answer these Queries in season for the Spring Quarterly Meetings — and the Quarterly Meetings are desired to transmit those answers to our next Yearly Meeting.

The additional permanent Query referred to our consideration, has been considered, and we are of

the question that is now set to rest to adopt it.
On behalf of the Committee,

Stephen J. Childs
Hannah B. Allen

An endorsement was prepared and approved and placed on the certificate of our beloved friend Susan's death.

We adjourn to the time our men friends may conclude to meet tomorrow.

On the 1st morning, not near the 12th hour.

The joint Committee of men and women friends, under appointment to visit subordinate meetings and individuals, have made the following report viz.

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting,

The joint Committee of men and women friends, appointed last year to visit subordinate meetings and individuals - report that they have given attention to the objects of their appointment as way has opened for, and have reason to believe that usefulness has resulted therefrom and we are united in proposing the appointment of a similar Committee - should way open for it.

On behalf of the Committee

Bernardine Day
Susan Howland.

This report is acceptable to the meeting and we are united in continuing the subject under the care of the same friends, for the ensuing year, and they are desired to move therein as circumstances may require, and they may be enabled to do, in the wisdom of wisdom.

A testimony of Sydney Monthly Meeting concerning our dear deceased friend Abel Collins. and one from South Kingston Monthly Meeting respecting our dear friend Abel Collins have been read to the comfort and encouragement of many minds, and we desire that these testimonies of our departed brethren may have an encouraging

affairs on our minds meeting us in an individual
concern to encourage to follow them as they follow
Christ.

The representatives were called, and all present
who attended the first sitting.

The Clerk is directed to forward to our subordi-
nate meetings transcripts of Epistles received from
other Yearly Meetings, together with extracts from
the minutes of this Yearly Meeting.

The untiring influence of Quakerism has been
evidently seen abundantly throughout the
several sittings of this meeting, under which
we have been enabled to transact the concerns
of Society in much harmony: and feelingly im-
pressed with the solemn admonition to work
while it is day, we desire that we may all become
increasingly faithful to manifested duty.

We conclude, purposing to meet at the usual
time and place next year, if so permitted.

On behalf the Meeting

Hannah Gouldsbn^m Clerk

in the bonds of peace." — We are persuaded, that if an
earnest individual concern to dwell in the disposition
thus recommended was cherished, and dwelt under
its influence in the attendance of our religious meetings
would not be interrupted by trivial causes but an
earnest desire would prevail to meet with our friends
friends to fulfil after a qualification to worship them who
both promised to be with those who assembled in His
name. — Thus withdrawing from the cares of the
life, our love to Him, and to each other would be in-
creased, our spiritual strength renewed, and ability
given to dwell with the gift of His presence to our
measures and the whole body united in love — the
angel helping their ranks in righteousness, would

experience their minds mercifully aided with strength while the inward tabernacle is hastening to decay. How animating the example of these, to those who in the meridian of life are bearing the burden and heat of the day: diligent in their respective attainments, divine meditation their hands find to do, and watchfully guarding against all that would have a tendency to hurt or destroy. For the encouragement of this class of the family, many hearts have been raised in aspirations to the gift of every good and perfect gift.

The very numerous subject of Education has been brought into view with the view that its weight and importance impressively call for the serious attention of Friends. — We speak not exclusively of literary instruction, but we would press upon all the necessity of attending to the culture of the heart, the right direction of the mind, the regulation of the thoughts, and the restraints which the truth requires of the religious parent, to exercise over the young and inexperienced, which often grows as a hedge, preserving them from the evil that surrounds, and the snares that are often spread, to entangle the feet of the unprotected and the unwary: we sincerely feel the necessity of this care in the present day, and we believe an unremitting attention thereto, would indeed be productive of good fruits.

The Clerk is directed to forward to our subordinate Meetings transcripts of Epistles received from other Yearly Meetings, together with extracts from the Minutes of this Meeting.

The uniting influence of Divine Love, has we humbly trust, been measurably prevalent through the several sittings of this meeting, under which we have been enabled to transact the concerns of the Church in much harmony — and feelingly

On which is a testimony of the power of love which
the Holy Spirit has poured forth in our hearts and in the
conscience of the whole of our Christian community. We
have been repeatedly confirmed that the value of true Chris-
tian fellowship is evident at all times and we have
learned that we may so dwell in the light as to experience
the bonds hereof to be strengthened and its current in
influence continued even when separated. It is indeed
our bitter portion and when the Lord is with us
it is the gift of Him whose favour is life whose will
is to do us good and to whom we are grateful and
faithful. The testimony of the Apostle to the Ephesians
has received attention with the feeling of its application
to us in this case. I beseech you that you will bear
the relation wherein it is set forth with all lowliness
with meekness with long suffering forbearing one another
in love as we are bound to keep the unity of the Spirit

impressed with the solemn admonition to work while it is day, we desire that we may all become increasingly faithful to manifold duties.

The committee proposing to meet at the same time and place next year is so pleased

signed on behalf of the committee

Hannah Goulds Secy Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women's Friends to be held in London

Dear friends,

We have been favoured we humbly trust to feel the inspiring influence of the Holy Spirit which through infinite mercy hath poured through the several sittings of this our annual assembly to the spirits of our minds under a sense, that of ourselves we are not sufficient to do any thing that will promote the cause of Truth and Righteousness in the earth. yet, in having our minds turned to the remembrance of Him who giveth power to the faint, and increaseth strength to them who have no might or their own we have felt our confidence restored, and our minds drawn in God's love again thus to address our sisters in a distant land, in desire to encourage the tribulated followers of the Lamb that under the gathering influence of His love, we may be made quick sighted in the fear of the Lord, and ability be felt to make a firm stand against that spirit that divides in Jacob and scatters in Israel: and may we all dear friends hold in profitable remembrance the excellent admonition of the Apostle when he said "Nevertheless wherunto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, and mind the same thing" and then however varied our views may be of Christian

recognition as set forth in the Bible, and we shall be enabled to withstand and
 standing to the basis of Christ, and the renovating
 influence of the power of truth upon the mind,
 we cannot be instrumental in promoting the
 blessed cause of Truth.

We most earnestly desire that our be-
 loved young friends may have their attention
 so turned to the gift of divine grace in their own
 hearts as to know a satisfying in the path of im-
 mortal life and thus become qualified to move
 in their allotted sphere of religious usefulness.

Although the prevalence of that feeling which
 hath so often enabled us to attend
 to the business that hath come before us at this
 time in much harmony and love. In the feeling
 of humble thankfulness for the favors that are
 granted, may we commend our souls unto God,
 and to the word of His Grace.

Your sisterly communication was received,
 and read to our comfort and instruction.
 In respect here we bid you affectionately farewell.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

Hannah Gould, Junr Clerk

To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Women Friends
 Beloved friends;

We acknowledge the receipt of
 your acceptable Epistle, which with those of our
 endeared sisters of other Yearly Meetings have been
 truly comforting and strengthening to many minds.
 Believing that the Lord is still poured about his peo-
 ple, and will keep those in perfect peace, whose
 minds are stayed in Him.

Feeling deeply sensible that without a renewed
 qualification from the Great Head of the Church we
 can do nothing availingly in His cause, may be

concerned to draw nigh unto Him, that we may be
 favoured to feel the quickening influence of His Spirit
 upon our minds, under the guidance of which we
 may be enabled to fill our various stations to the
 praise of Him who first gathered us to be a people.

An earnest solicitude has been felt, and ex-
 pressed, for those in early life, many of whom we
 believe are under the preparing hand for useful-
 ness. May these, both within and without, be encouraged
 to confide in Him who is strength in weakness, rich
 in poverty, and a present helper in every needful time.
 And as all are conversed to dwell in a state of de-
 pendence on this source of strength, we shall be
 preserved from the spirit of error and unbelief
 which is so prevalent in the world: and may we
 all be engaged to keep in the way of simplicity
 and self denial which our worthy predecessors
 found to be the path of peace, and were enabled
 to endure severe privations and persecutions
 with exemplary patience sustained by their
 never failing helper: may our dear sisters endeav-
 our to follow on in the footsteps of the companions
 of our dear Redeemer.

The situation of the African descendants is
 often remembered with deep commiseration
 and tender interest, and we are thankful that
 the attention of Friends is directed to efforts for their
 relief.

With feelings of sisterly regard we remain your
 friends.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Harriet Gould Jun^r Clark

At Andoverbury, meeting of Friends

extension of Divine regards, to the humbling of our sin,
and the influence of God's Spirit in our hearts,
in desire to encourage all who are of the household of
faith, fully believing that as we are engaged to wait
upon the Lord, and to ask counsel of Him, we shall
in His infinite goodness experience the influence of
His Spirit to direct us in the path of true peace
and feel it to be sufficient to support the mind amidst
all the trials and discouragements attendant on the
Christian traveller in this state of being: therefore let
us hold fast the profession of our faith without con-
sidering ourselves to persevere in the way of
well-doing, then we shall be favoured to participate
in a common interest and fellow feeling with each
other, by which we may be mutually comforted, and
strengthened to keep our ranks in righteousness.

Now My given up to bear the burden and
heat of the day, bound to the law and the testimony
of Truth, and also through watchfulness unto prayer,
will we trust, stand as lights in the world, confiding
in Him who said to his immediate followers, let not
your hearts be troubled, ye believe in God, believe
also in me.

On reading your acceptable epistle of the
week month last, our hearts feelingly responded
to the remark that, however important it may
be, that we should have correct views of Christian
redemption, as set forth in the Holy Scriptures yet
we should ever remember that these alone, without
regeneration and holiness will not constitute
us living members of the Church of Christ.

Thus in the old and new testament there is
a unity of action, and we are rejoicing to increase

of the Lord and his people. I have felt that I have been
 once and again and will be till my last day, from
 those who walk uprightly, say that I have been
 in and as I have been through the various sufferings
 of the world I have felt their sorrows at times prepared to
 say Draw me I said and I will run after thee O Lord
 God and take courage.

We acknowledge with feelings of gratitude to the
 share of all good that most harmonious and true heart
 presided while attending to various important con-
 cerns that have come before us during this Yearly
 Meeting.

The information contained in your Epistle, in
 relation to the Indians was interesting to us, and
 we are glad in the belief that the work you
 have made, and are making will be blessed to
 them - and ensure to your own minds that
 reward which awaits those who are concerned to
 do with their hands finds to do for the advan-
 cement of this class in the family. The interest in
 the oppressed and suffering children of Africa
 has at this time deeply affected our feelings, and
 we were comforted in the assurance that your
 solicitation continued to engage your attention.

With desire that grace, mercy, and peace may
 be multiplied unto you we bid you farewell.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Hannah Goulds Clerk.

To the Rev. Mr. Phelps, of the Society of Friends, in
 New York.

Under an humbling sense of dependence
 on the Great God, we have been enabled
 to acknowledge that we have been mercifully made
 sensible at this time, that, as we are concerned to wait
 upon God - we are dependent on his grace for
 spiritual strength, and to furnish ability for every good

word and work thus our all was centred in his
 in his Church and service, in faithful
 obedience and increased dedication, manifest our
 allegiance to the Lord of Lords, and King of Kings.

We acknowledge the receipt of your acceptable gift of
 six months last, which has been a consoling evidence of
 strength and encouragement derived from a sister con-
 firmation under a measure of the same spirit
 in some of those lives in which there is a power
 of life unto life — We are encouraged to believe that
 as we are engaged to gather to the foundations of truth
 we shall be favoured to experience that deep calling
 unto such and a willingness to search the lamp
 that every thing comparable to the hidden things of
 Eden may be searched out and preservation witness
 from the snares of our ancient enemies.

Through the mercy and loving kindness of our
 compassionate Father, we believe there are those
 who in early life feel their minds drawn by the
 constraining power of Divine love to acknowledge
 the excellency and power of the ever blessed Truth
 as it is in Eden and are often led to ponder its great
 principles, and to an examination of the ground of
 our Christian Testimonies, which led our ancient
 friends patiently to suffer, and with true magna-
 nimity and forbearance to contend for the Truth
 once delivered to the Saints — may these of those
 of this description who feel the cause, the precious cause
 of Truth to be dear — be made willing in the day of
 the Lord's power to endeavour patiently the turning
 of His holy hand upon them that as clay in the
 hand of the Great Potter, they may be fashioned into
 whatever vessel He may see meet — verifying the
 truth of Scripture testimony. Though we have been
 among the first to shut up the cause as the cause of
 a man covered with silver and his father with
 yellow gold.

The state of things as presented to us here are such as to make us feel that our situation is indeed a most trying one. We are surrounded by a world of sin and Satan's power is everywhere. We are in a most trying position and some of our friends are laboring with a sense of the necessity of increased watchfulness that a way may be made for our escape in the hour of temptation. May we be encouraged to sit under the teaching of the Holy Spirit that we may immediately realize this scripture declaration Blessed is the man that hangeth his watching daily at his gates, waiting for the hosts of my sins.

Under a thankful sense of the unceasing extension of Heavenly regard we conclude your affectionate letters.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Hannah Goulden Clerk.

To Virginia Yearly Meeting of Women's Friends,
Dear friends,

Under a renewed sense of thankfulness that in spite of the most trying circumstances we are once more to meet in a Yearly Meeting capacity, we acknowledge the reception of your acceptable Epistle of the present year: and although we have to lament the many deficiencies that are apparent amongst us yet we believe that the Divine goodness to preserve a precious remnant in the several parts of this Kingdom who are lovingly concerned to support the true and the testimony, and are united as in one bond in the fellowship of the Gospel. May you beloved sisters with ourselves be enabled to hold fast the profession of our faith without avarice for the commendation of God's standard in having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are His.

these early walks of life - "follow us, as we endeavor to follow Christ". And for the sake of which we feel assured that they may hope in time the connection of our friends in America to be dissolved. What I say unto you, I say unto all that I have said, and from this we enter into fellowship. He has been graciously pleased to promise to those that ask that they shall receive to know and it shall be given unto them. Dear young friends keep your eyes upon him and you will be preserved in the confidence of his love. I trust that you may become qualified to advance the cause of Truth and Righteousness in the earth.

And you beloved friends who are separated by distance and feel that you may keep in remembrance the encouraging language of the Prophet "He that sows just seed, bearing precious seeds, shall come again reaping a plentiful harvest". We desire you may not be discouraged because of the distance. We desire that our Divine Master has graciously promised that those who are separated by distance may now meet in His name who are separated by distance. We desire that you may be in the midst of them may now meet in His name who are separated by distance. We desire that you may be in the midst of them may now meet in His name who are separated by distance.

We feel much of sympathy for the destitute of the poor race, and desire a blessing may attend the exercise and attention of those who shall be.

This a testimony of love we remain your friends
Signed on behalf of the Meeting
[Signature]

To North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Women Friends
Dear Friends,

It has been we trust, in humble dependence on the great Head of the Church, that we have been graciously favored in this our annual assembly to feel the extension of Heavenly regards, and a portion

and more and more completely instructed. Let us be
 fresh and earnest in our study, and let us be
 witnesses, preachers, and we have sorrowfully to feel that
 there is cause of mourning - yet the language is given
 to us, "not perfect", but followers of them who through faith
 and patience inherit the promises." Believing that those
 who faithfully pass through the word of God, and
 in things, will obtain the prize of the high calling of
 God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Our interest, & affectionate solicitude has been felt
 and expressed for the dear youth, many of whom we
 believe are under the preparing hand; may none of
 the insinuations and wiles of our subtle enemy be
 allowed to prevail in turning them aside from the
 path of Christian Obedience that will assuredly pro-
 cure to them the everlasting reward in heaven. May
 they wherever situated, who are in the morning of life,
 and afresh visited with the day-spring from on high,
 be encouraged to dig deep, and build on the unmovable
 rock Jesus Christ, which the stones of this world
 cannot move. In the midst of the trials and
 tribulations, the conflicts of flesh and spirit, the baptisms
 of sorrow in unnumbered trials, I am persuaded
 to see them as the precious oil of grace will
 shine as lights in the world, bringing forth
 fruit to the honor and praise of our Heavenly Father.

The situation of the dear youth is so
 to command your sympathetic commiseration, and
 would encourage you who are more immediately
 concerned in the cultivation of this precious
 conviction, to persevere in well doing, believing that
 your reward will be large.

With a salutation to our dear friends
 Yours ever
 Hannah Gould & Clark.

To New York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.
 Dear Sisters,

In being together at this time in a
 kindly meeting capacity, we have through infinite
 mercies been favoured to witness the coming of our
 love to be spread over us to the humbling of our
 minds impressing them with a deep sense that in
 ourselves we can do nothing, but under the great
 inspiring power of truth that unites in perfect fellow-
 ship the living members of the true Church (be we
 remotely situated), we may be instrumental of
 good in offering the language of encouragement
 one unto another. A fresh assurance Lord was given
 in the reading of your amiable Epistle of 18th
 month last. The belief that as we are unitedly
 engaged to promote the one good cause, we may
 through Holy aid be favoured to strengthen each
 other in that faith which is the substance of
 things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen.
 Looking unto and humbly trusting in Him
 who said, My grace is sufficient for thee. My
 strength is made perfect in weakness. This by
 a deep and dwelling faith may we realize. This
 truth that in Him are hid all the treasures of
 wisdom and knowledge.

To our endeared young friends we would
 say. Come unto Christ take His yoke upon you,
 and follow Him who said I am meek and lowly
 in heart, whereby the excellency and efficacy of the
 principle of truth will be felt redeeming the
 mind from the world, the customs and maxims
 thereof, the fashion of which passeth away and
 may you dear young friends through insti-
 tution unto prayer be enabled to step forward
 in the pathway of obedience and dedication to
 the Lord, and be comforted in hiding your minds
 centered in true peace, and your hearts established

by years.

In tracing the state of Society again spread before us, and deliberating on the important subject thereof we have been thus favoured under the influence of divine love to experience a feeling of much unity.

We are sure that the blessing of preservation in the fear of the Lord may rest upon us, that in conclusion we may be able to adopt the language I will trust and not be afraid, for the Lord is with us in our strength and our song. He also has become my salvation.

In true sisterly affection we remain your friend

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Hannah Gould Sec. Clerk

To the Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Women Friends
Dear Sisters,

Under (we trust) the influence of the love of the Gospel, many of us have felt our minds deeply humbled at this time in being collected in a Yearly meeting capacity, from a grateful sense of continued goodness of the Lord, who hath by the overshadowing of divine love been near to do us good: and seeing dear friends that his compassion faileth not, we desire that all may so look unto, and cast their care upon Him as to feel encouraged to come up in the obedience of faith, to the help of the Lord against the mighty and thus be enabled to stand firm for the precious testimonies of Truth, giving evidence of our belief in the efficacy of the Cross of Christ and the necessity of living a life of self denial: by which our example may speak this language - "Follow me, as I am endeavouring to follow Him who endured the Cross, despised the shame - and

in front of the door at the right hand of the
 doorway in the hall.

To our dear young friends we would
 say "Come, taste and see that the Lord is good"
 many of this interesting part of the family are
 in our school, and this is our prayer, and
 we desire that all of this class, wherever situated,
 may be animated to increased faithfulness.

Your acceptable Epistle of 19th month last
 has been read to the edification and comfort
 of many minds.

The references stated in some of our answers
 has elicited much counsel and advice, and
 we hope it will tend to quicken our minds
 to a sense of the importance of increased
 watchfulness, that we may not only
 guard against the spirit of detraction, which
 in its baneful effects long waste the com-
 mandment of love one unto another, but
 that we may do him in the fear of the Lord,
 and be witnesses of preservation in the right
 hand, and on the left.

The depressed situation of the African
 descendants has again claimed our attention
 and we are glad to be informed that Friends
 still continue their concern for the improve-
 ment of their condition, and we have de-
 sired your encouragement to persevere in the
 work, and that the light of the Gospel with
 its blessed effects may be more and more
 diffused amongst them.

In true sisterly regard we remain, your Friends

Signed on behalf of the Association

Annah Gould Jun^r Clerk.

in England. Having collected at Worcester in order to hold
 a meeting in Rhode Island, he adjourned from the
 6th month to the 17th of the same month 1830

sign of each party, and after a season of re-
 proceeded to business.

Accounts received from our several Friends

and Betsey Durinton, Sarah Sade, Hannah Sade,
 Mary, Hannah Sade, &c.

And Anne, Hannah Collins, William Collins

Elizabeth Elizabeth Mitchell, Mary Cleveland,

Yelland, Alice Rogers, Sarah Patten, Barbara

Field Hannah Arnold, Mary B. Allen, Hannah

Edgar, Alice Hathorne and Abby Smith.

Margaret Murney, Francis Jones and Lucia Taylor.

that I have said in Providence Meeting

Lydia H. Smith, Clerk to the Convention

The subject of addressing the Society
may should open in the South, for some days
recent to a future sitting of this Convention.

It adjourned to the 4th hour this afternoon.

And they afterwards met at the 4th hour.

The representatives having met and conferred on
subject of Clerks have proposed "Winnah" and
"Susan" for Clerk and Susan "Constance"
assistant, which being acceptable to the meeting
are appointed to that service.

Letters from the Early Meetings of New York,
Tennessee and Indiana have been read to
our satisfaction.

We appoint our friends Elizabeth Mitchell
and Mrs. P. as Messengers to the 2nd.

Since early to prepare a summary from

the various reports, and to be ready to present
them to the Convention.

Friends who are with us from other States, Meeting

We adjourn to the time our more friends

will be able to meet here.

And they afterwards met at the 4th hour.

The friends who are with us from other States, Meeting

from each of our Quarterly Meetings, the doc-
uments exhibited through this medium have

been very successful in their efforts.

And they afterwards met at the 4th hour.

The friends who are with us from other States, Meeting

Sisters. The friends under appointment for

the 2nd have presented a summary

of the various, which being read to the

body, and is as follows.

And they afterwards met at the 4th hour.

discipline (which are necessary in a school of stormy weather) have been attended to. A great part of our members, yet a considerable number, are in the habit of attending to the school. A great deal of care has been expended; the weather was not wholly clear at sleeping, so that the members behaved unusually clear.

Some and finally some are amongst members, yet its influence does not appear to be so generally prevalent as wholly to suppress the spirit of distraction, care is taken to avoid differences when they appear.

Although it is manifest that a concern exists upon the minds of many friends, failing to discharge their duty in bringing up their under their care in plainness, to test in them the spirit of simplicity, and to see that they get so much indifference relative to the maintenance of these testimonies is still apparent amongst us. The holy scriptures are generally read in Friends families. Our testimony of peace is maintained with regard to the use of profane language, and in showing moderation on account of births, marriages &c. - some deviation in spreading places of public resort, where care has been observed. Some appear to fail in relation to receiving the testimony and also with regard to the use of profane language.

Notwithstanding many parents are concerned to encourage simplicity amongst their children, the frequent deviations in this particular, from what is recommended in the scriptures, is a matter of great concern. It appears that Friends are generally careful in attention to the requisitions of the 7th and 8th Quakers' discipline in regarding simplicity.

... with attention agreeably to discipline.
 ... meeting having proposed that
 ... in the first month, should in future be
 ... the same times respectively, as they have heretofore
 ... held, the action is visited with in this

... of the meeting is to read the
 ... with regulations and advice, agreed on
 ... in the 1st month now, have been read, and
 ... to the meeting and are as follows, viz.

The Meeting
 The Brethren shall be under the obligation
 ... during the first year to
 ... to the meeting in that order, viz.

... Lydia Breed have again come in temporarily
 ... to supply their places. ...
 ...
 ...
 ...

H. Read is employed as a teacher in the
 ... Isaac C. Hathorn continues
 ... to exercise a care over the boys out of school
 ... and to act as book-keeper.

been settled, and it appears to be
some improvement in the building
usual expenditures, and that the receipts for
and tuition, from the income of the lands, and
from other sources, have fallen short of meeting
the expenses, about one thousand dollars, and
the privilege to attend Meetings, be as
the same as last year.

A circular on the subject of Business was
sent to the various churches, and the
on the part of the ministers of the churches, to
the requisitions therein contained.

The average number of Scholars during the
sessions have been reported kept up, and

In addition to the attention usually given
and fourth months a Special Committee vi-
sited the schools, and spent several days in in-
vestigating the improvement of the Scholars
and the condition of the schools. By the
reports of these Committees we are informed,
that the state of the schools, with respect
to literary improvement, was very satisfactory,
the exercises of the scholars winning an im-
mense amount of praise. They
were prepared to do the best work
readily to conform to the wishes of the

Report of the Committee.

Amos A. Thompson, Clerk.

At a meeting of the Committee of the New England
 Society, held at the Boardman School, on
 8th Monday, Feb, 1835.

One of the members of the Society, who has been
 at the Boardman School, having, from time to time, called the
 attention of this Committee, and a report
 having been made at the recent meeting, we have believed it
 for us at this time to review the subject to
 us, and to point out, more explicitly,
 we have heretofore done, what we can
 do for the children of this school.

We have, therefore, taken the subject into
 consideration, and have endeavored to
 extend it into a vindication of the pro-
 position, and to show that it is
 a subject of great importance, and one
 which our younger friends, and those who are in contact
 with them, will find it profitable to
 be taught by our blessed Lord and his apostles.

It has been our aim, as a body, to have
 been ever anxious to have some and con-
 siderable instances, this has been done that we

may be able to show that it is a subject of great
 importance, and one which our younger friends, and those who are in contact
 with them, will find it profitable to be taught by our blessed Lord and his apostles.

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 conformity to the wind from...
 In accordance with the recommendation...
 plainer, we earnestly desire that parents and...
 necessity of maintaining plainness of speech and...
 which is strictly enforced in the school. And it
 will be expected of every male admitted into this in-
 stitution, that his body-coat, jacket and waist-coat
 be blue-breasted, and without lapels or gallus, or...
 and that there are... that every
 in other parts of the dress—and that... hats
 caps being excluded.

In the dress of females we expect a corresponding
 degree of plainness, and that they avoid the extrava-
 gance of the fashions of the present day. They will be
 required to wear silk, or plain straw bonnets without
 lace or trimmings, or ornaments. Their frocks or gowns
 should be made in the simplest and most...
 and... in the... and in other re-
 spects to conform to the propriety and...
 of the... in the world. Their hair should be
 of the... and to...
 be permitted to remain.

In order to carry into effect these regulations
 packages of the children previous to admission, and
 if any articles are found unsuitable on account of
 plainness, or for any other cause, they will be
 aside, or altered, and the expense charged to the

scholar will be admitted into the school
 after the present quarter, or permitted to remain

and does not comply strictly with their resolutions.
 The Committee of Managers are desired to
 be not to give certificates to any children who

Be shall and by direction of the Committee
 Arnold Congdon Clerk.

The Committee of Managers are desired to

point to that service the same friends who served

adjourn to the time our own friends may
 to meet tomorrow.

Monday morning met at the 10th hour.

The Committee of Managers are desired to
 valuable and edifying contents may seal in

The Committee of Managers are desired to
 our friends Hannah Dennis, Elizabeth Maria
 Collins, Alice Hattison, Phoebe Cook, Elizabeth
 Jane, Elizabeth Hattison, Elizabeth Hattison,
 Frances, Mary B. Allen, Anne Dunsford and Susan
 Crawford to visit with a similar committee
 in friends, and report at a future sitting
 relation thereof.

The adjourn to the time our own friends may

Wednesday afternoon, met at the 3th hour.

The Committee of Managers are desired to
 been read to our satisfaction and instruction.

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We conclude to wish all the members of the Society

to be united in our efforts to glorify God in our
our dear deceased friend Obadiah Brown was
read in this meeting — also one from a recent
Monthly Meeting respecting our beloved friend
Abigail Miller — these Memorials were interesting
and profitable to all.
Feel the loss of those who having joined in
their measure of usefulness in the Church and
militant are called from work to reward
we desire that we may be afresh united to
work by the same rule and mind as our
fathers, endeavouring to follow those who thro'
faith and patience inherit the promises.

The following song was read in the meeting
and being Miller and Gubins united with
the friends of the Church to sing the same
of the staff of life meeting —

The following Society has been formed by
us, and there are no other such among
us, and we are all united in supporting
to be true in spirit, and co-operators of the
principles of our religious society, and which
in various points of doctrine; but which are
united in the Society and which are
principles, and are calculated to lead the
the members of the Church to the
the Church, and from a settlement
in the Church, and the Church is
most surely believed and professed
as a people, have felt themselves bound
to sustain this Society within the
Church, and to be true to the
the Church, and to be true to the

He is conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin
 Mary, and He is the Son of God, who by His
 word, enforced by His precepts and doctrines,
 the rewards of the righteous and the punishment
 of the wicked, and by miracles, healing all
 diseases and sickness among the
 people, showed forth His power, His goodness
 and His wonderful works among the children
 of men, and finally made an offering of Himself
 on the cross, as a propitiation for our sins, and
 not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole
 world. On this foundation can any man lay claim
 to a higher authority, which is Jesus Christ, or is the
 foundation of the church at Babylon.
 The foundation of the church is the testimony of the
 prophets is our foundation; and we believe
 that it is laid, even Christ Jesus, who tasted
 death for every man, shed His blood for all
 men, and is the propitiation for our sins.
 We believe in the authority of the Holy Scriptures as the
 only rule of faith and practice, and we believe
 in the testimony of Thomas Barrow,
 who truly confesses, that whatsoever doctrine
 is contrary to the testimony of the Holy
 Scriptures, is not of God, and is not to be received.
 We further, in the words of the same writer, "We
 do firmly believe that there is no other gospel
 or doctrine to be preached, but that which
 was delivered to the Apostles, and do firmly
 subscribe to that, saying, Let him that preach-

I will not leave you comfortless, I will come and
 visit you." John 14. 18. — And to the testimony of
 God, who commanded the light to shine out of
 darkness; hath shined in our hearts, to give
 the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in
 the face of Jesus Christ." 2 Cor. 4. 6. — and we have
 been concerned to direct all to the light of
 God's word, and to the light of His promise.
 Sanctification are to be witnessed; in which
 alone our dark hearts can be illuminated, and
 we be made truly alive unto God. — But
 while we have redemption through His blood,
 even the forgiveness of our sins, and that
 those who were afar off are now brought
 by the blood of Christ, we also firmly be-
 lieve, that it is only through living faith
 in Him that we can come to experience
 the blessed effects of what He has wrought
 out for us; and this faith is not of our selves,
 it is the gift of God.

We are concerned, renewedly to direct
 the spirituality of the Christian
 religion, that as the heart is deceitful above
 all things and desperately wicked, in our
 fallen and unregenerate estate, so it is
 heart that the work of grace must be experienced
 and that in order thereto, we must submit to the

... government, and continued to his help, and
and is to make unto us, "Wisdom and Right-
ness, and sanctification, and redemption." Ver. 1.30.
... as we thus dwell under the influence of the
... to ... an experience any
... to labour in the blessed Master's
... and may we all seek after and wait for the
... "utterings forth of this heavenly Guide, ever bearing
... and the declaration of Christ, "without me ye
... can do nothing."

We are concerned to exhort all our members to
... all speculation, ...
... in meekness and simplicity to obey God's
... will. Avoid therefore, we beseech you, all
unprofitable reading, and the reception of those
unsound doctrines and sentiments which are
in circulation. Rather reverently read and
meditate in the Holy Scriptures with humble
prayer to the Lord that he would open your
eyes to receive and savingly apply the glorious
... of his salvation.

...
...
... to exhort all our fellow members to a careful
observance of that solemn warning of our Lord
and Saviour: "The time shall come when they
shall say, Lo, here is Christ, or lo, he is there; go
and after them."

Signed on behalf and by direction of the General
Meeting, by
...)

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attention to the subject of their appointment
open for and circumstances bearing.

and accordingly met pursuant to adjournment

as mentioned by indisposition

board approved and directed to be

records who had the charge of preparing

records them, and they being

is directed to sign them as such for the

The Committee on Education presented

the following report

The Committee on Education have the honor to

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made in reference to it, the persons who are
 of satisfaction to those engaged to promote the
 guarded education of their children.

By the accounts received, there appears to have
 been an increase of about 100.

one or two of which have continued the
 last of the year, while the remainder
 generally continued a few months.
 The number of scholars that have attended
 there is reported to be about 400,
 increase since last year, or nearly 200.

Although we find by the reports that the num-
 ber of Friends' children within the limits of the
 North-Mecklenburg, between the ages of 4 and 10
 upwards of 300, not about one fourth of them
 only, enjoy the advantages of schools.
 of the subject, the importance of further educa-
 tion will urge itself, with peculiar force upon
 the minds of Friends.

The Committee are well aware, from
 scattered locations of Friends in some parts of
 the North-Mecklenburg, that many difficulties are
 to be encountered in carrying their wishes into
 effect. However we can but express our earnest desires
 that the cause of education may be promoted.

...and it then sometimes make a trifling sacrifice, or
 in part, to enable parents to avail themselves more
 fully of their services, the consciousness of having been
 instrumental in doing good, will no doubt, be a sufficient
 reward. We do therefore earnestly hope, that a self-sacrificing
 spirit will be manifested on the part of those who are
 called upon to adopt a disinterested course, in accordance
 with the above recommendation.

We would propose to the Yearly Meeting, that the
 plan adopted last year, be again sent down to the
 subordinate meetings, to be considered and reported
 to the Yearly Meeting, in order that the Yearly Meeting
 may be enabled to take the care of the children that attend schools under
 the care of Friends, and in giving such other in-
 formation in relation to this subject as may be inter-
 esting and useful to the Yearly Meeting.

At the Yearly Meeting,

1, 6th mo. 1st, 1836. (Witness A. Barlow Sr.)

As it was very interesting and acceptable to the meet-
 ing, we unite in the recommendation of again directing
 the attention of our subordinate meetings to the Queries
 on this subject, adopted last year.

At the Yearly Meeting, 1836, the following
 resolutions were adopted: That the Yearly Meeting
 should send a committee to visit the subordinate meetings
 and to report to the Yearly Meeting on the progress of the
 cause of Truth and Righteousness.

On this, as on former occasions of mingling together to
 discuss the weighty concerns of the Church, the
 members of the Yearly Meeting are requested to
 us for the advancement of all our dear friends in
 the path of justice and mercy, and to the
 cause of Truth and Righteousness.

At the Yearly Meeting, 1836, the following resolutions were adopted:

the state of the world and the situation of the
 our most precious blood have been offered
 in blood and we will it will to give us
 all our sins the most precious blood of Christ
 that the insinuations of an unwarred enemy is
 not prevail in laying waste our most precious
 treasure but that we may be preserved
 bound to the witness for Christ in our hearts but
 for that the witness is not a moral
 steps in the way of safety, preservation & peace.

In the various concerns that have come before
 us, we have been made sensible of the solemn
 but precious reality which is before us to say with
 the experienced Apostle, "When I am weak, then
 am I strong" - as it has been truly in the
 presence of the Lord. We have been made
 conscious of our unworthiness to transact with
 of the Kingdom, and to rejoice that we are
 worthy to suffer with it, when it is under oppression.

It has been a comfort and encouragement to
 us at this our annual meeting, to see so many
 of our friends from the South and the West
 bring with us: their solid and becoming
 with them as well as the fact that the
 interest in the affairs of God in the Kingdom
 of her borders is prevalent in this land,
 among a people who are the most
 the presence of the Lord in the hearts of
 and the wife, and bringing into
 ity to the work of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
 the interesting history of the people
 the influence of divine grace
 found growing in peace and becoming instrumental
 in hastening that period when Zion shall be
 with a peace that shall be the glory of
 the whole earth.

... have arrived may be permanent, that we may
hold fast the profession of our faith without
... baptised into, no abiding
... of silent waiting upon Him who
... enable us to stand faithful in our
... allotments in His Church, give ability to
our Christian testimonies, and to increase
in grace and deeper communion to their

... men instructed in the view that there
... is, of the intimate connection
... and the branches - the union
... members of the true Church with Christ.
The Head, so strikingly set forth in our doctrine
... compares himself to the Vine, and the
... to the branches; thus the living mem-
... must depend on Him the Head, derive
... and qualification for service which
... of itself, except it abide in the Vine, no

... Heavenly regard and enable us
to accomplish the service assigned us in
... harmony - we are constrained to com-
memorate the kindness and mercy of Him
in whom are all our great things, and who
... remaineth to be the only true helper of His
... under a sense of our dependence
upon His Holy aid we conclude, supposing
if permitted to meet at the usual time and place
next year.

Yours truly, ...

Letter to the Brethren of the Church of Christ

Dear Brethren,

It is a great pleasure to me to hear from you.

I am glad to hear that you are all well.

And I am glad to hear that you are all happy.

And I am glad to hear that you are all united.

And I am glad to hear that you are all faithful.

And I am glad to hear that you are all true.

And I am glad to hear that you are all honest.

And I am glad to hear that you are all pure.

And I am glad to hear that you are all meek.

And I am glad to hear that you are all gentle.

And I am glad to hear that you are all patient.

And I am glad to hear that you are all kind.

And I am glad to hear that you are all good.

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...the ark of the
...and the testimonies thereof have been preserved
...the Tabernacle of Peace, in a land of fear.

...State of society as brought into view at this time
...the preservation of our Society on the true grounds
...Christ Jesus, the Rock of Ages.

We most earnestly address our dear young friends
to be under, of our Christian testimonies, and carefully
...upholding those principles in the support of
...our worthy predecessors were brought into deep
...ing - We believe that many of the beloved youth
...with you and us are under the forming hand
...of the Searcher of Hearts - Our prayer for those
...that He would use our remembrance and be in the same
...of His Holy Hands, and be preserved to
...to Himself the scattered in Israel, and the dispersed
...of our God in permitting us thus to com-

We acknowledge the receipt of your acceptable Epistle
...and the goodness of our God in permitting us thus to com-

...the condition of the oppressed and
...of India people of colour, was satisfactory to us.

On behalf of the Association.

to be the same as in the case of the other captures, and
 more or less of the same kind. It is the
 same as the enemy that has been actually slain for the
 purpose of the war.

In a season of profitable exercises to many minds
 and comforted with the animating language, I am not
 back, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you
 the same.

To the Apostle, grace and peace be multiplied
 unto you, and to all that love the truth.
 2 Pet. 1. 2.

The same grace and peace be multiplied
 unto you, and to all that love the truth.
 Hannah Gould Lovey, Secy.

To the same, grace and peace be multiplied
 unto you, and to all that love the truth.

The same grace and peace be multiplied
 unto you, and to all that love the truth.
 that we continually refresh
 to the same, and to all that love the truth.

The same grace and peace be multiplied
 unto you, and to all that love the truth.
 of which we have been refreshed together in this our
 annual Assembly, and a concern hath been felt that
 it is a great blessing to us, and to all that love the truth,
 and to all that love the truth.

I have been much and anxiously thinking
of the "city built upon a hill" which must
quickly enlighten the "house of darkness" and
show "every thing that hath been hid"
and scatter in "straw".

Although we have to lament the persecutions
we are afflicted in some instances in the dis-
cussion amongst us we still have cause for
thankfulness, that there remains a united
affection to the principles and testimonies on the
foundations, and to support the same and direct
of Society. And whatever may be the age or state
of those who have the burden of the cause rest
as on their shoulders in this increasing world
are our desires that they may be preserved
in the path of duty and in the way of
faith. unto such it is given in the name of
the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
to keep them from falling. We have
our trust and dependence on the arm of
Almighty power, we have ground of hope, that we
shall be able to stand in the midst of the
needful time.

It is with satisfaction that we have observed
in the many churches and societies of the
land a revival of the Holy Spirit and the
encouragement of those farther advanced in
the Christian life. We are renewedly comforted in the belief that the
work of the Holy Spirit is not yet finished
and that the Kingdom of God is not yet
fully established. We are therefore
encouraged and comforted by the power of Christ
to those wherever situated we would offer the
language of encouragement and say "hold on"

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records.

... to verify his promise to
... of the ...

I have been thinking of you a great deal lately
and wondering how you are getting on. I hope
you are well and happy. I have been very busy
with my work, but I always find time to think
of my friends. I am sure you are doing
just as well as ever. I am sure you are
very happy. I am sure you are very
well. I am sure you are very happy.

I am sure you are very happy. I am sure
you are very well. I am sure you are very
happy. I am sure you are very well. I am
sure you are very happy. I am sure you are
very well. I am sure you are very happy.

At New England Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held
at Boston in Rhode Island on September 1st from
the 21st of the old month to the 10th of the new
1857.

After prayer to the presence of God's Spirit
after a season of retirement proceeded to business.

Accounts being received and read from our
respective Quarterly Meetings we are informed that
their representatives are viz -

Rhode Island, Elizabeth Shove, Joanna Peck, Mary
G. Smith, Elizabeth Wing and Lydia Wilbur.

Providence, Rebecca Page, Miss Stone, Miss Brown
Elizabeth Gore, Hannah G. Chase, Rachel Gore, and Susan L. Brown.

Sandwich, Mary Howland, Sarah Stone, Alice Rogers,
Phebe Tripp, Huldah Lippard, Sarah Barnard, Martha
Wood and Phebe R. Lippard.

Smithfield, Abigail Inman, Hannah C. Colder, Rhoda
Whaler, Mary Butler, Ruth Fry and Lydia D. Capron.

Falmouth, Anne Purinton, Hannah W. Jones, Sarah Winslow,
Anna Dexter, and Maria Jones.

Weymouth, Maria Carter, Margaret George, Maria
Taber, Sybil Jones, Eunice W. Harr and Lucy J. Hawkes.

Dover, Phebe Meader, Hannah Urney, Mary T. Brown
and Hannah Carter. The latter called on the previous
except the two - who were prevented by indisposition,
from attending as usual to their appointment.

A Certificate was then read and signed by the
meeting. The following were then presented by
the meeting and received by the meeting. The meeting
meeting. — one for Rebecca Hubbs from Salem monthly
endorsed by Salem Quarterly meeting New Jersey. —

one for Sister Abigail from the monthly meeting
at Sandwich Quarterly meeting one for Susan B
Smith from Antislavery Monthly Meeting N.H. one
for Anna A. Thompson from the Boston monthly
meeting one for Elizabeth Felt from Boston
monthly meeting state of New York and one for
Stephen B. May from Fort St. George monthly
Meeting - Copies of minutes for our friends
Martha Abbott companion to Rebecca Hackett,
Ann Bishop do. to Susan B. Smith and Hannah
E. Hall. also accompanying Lucia Haddock - all
of whom are acceptably in attendance at this
Quarterly Meeting.

Through the medium of the accounts we are
informed that Salem Quarterly Meeting has
united with Salem Monthly Meeting in the
appointment of Rachel B. Child to the station
of an elder, and that Sandwich Quarterly Meeting
has united with Pembroke Monthly Meeting in
approving the public appearances in the mines
of Sarah Kern - that Dover Quarterly Meeting has
united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in
the approval of the minutes of Central Mass. -
and with Dover Monthly Meeting in the dismissal
of Eli Garry from the station of an elder & that
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting has united with
Smithfield in appointing Laban H. Constock
to the station of an elder.

Letters have been received and read from
the friends of meetings at London, Andover
Hingham and Middlebury. In addressing on the
subject of addressing our beloved sisters of the
Yearly Meetings we have selected our friends
Anna A. Jenkins, Elizabeth Hedges, Hannah Collier
Mary B. Allen, Betsey Parvinton, Susan Howland,
Mary D. Brown, Eliza Earle, Lucia B. Capron, Rachel
B. Holder, Lois Stone, Rachel Austin, Sophronia Fay.

The school is in a state of peace and order, and it is a pleasure to see the children so happy and contented.

The children are very happy and contented, and they are all doing well. They are all very happy and contented, and they are all doing well. They are all very happy and contented, and they are all doing well.

At the present time there are twelve scholars in the Institution who are not members of the Religious Society, all but two of whom are connected with Friends. Our friends Enoch and Lydia [?] are [?] out desiring to be [?]. we have agreed with our friends [?] and Alice Rathbun, to serve the Institution in that capacity, who are expected to enter upon their service the first of next month. Moses B. [?] Jonathan L. [?] Samuel Austin and Lewis Taber are employed as Teachers in the Boy's School, and Mary Ann Dexter, Emmeline [?] and Elizabeth H. Osborne, in the Girls'. George E. [?] is employed as instructor in the Language. Isaac Hathaway continues to exercise a care over the Boys out of school hours, and to act as book-keeper, and Thaddeus Greene is employed as a care-taker of the Girls, and has charge of the sewing School.

The Treasurer and Superintendents accounts have been settled, and it appears that the Institution is in debt \$100.00. This debt may be [?] of the various articles of consumption required in the family, and to there not having been so large

a number of boys, admitted into the school, who
 were not members of our Society. The terms of
 admission are higher than for members. In order to
 meet the present demands, we have requested the
 Treasurer of the School Board to collect a sum of one
 thousand dollars, by appealing to the benevolence of
 our friends, and we adopted to augment this sum
 and to meet the probable current expenses of the
 school for the future we propose in the summer
 when the Yearly Meeting takes place, to have a
 dinner or banquet to the students, at which time, at
 a bidding, that the privilege granted monthly
 must be suspended; that the allowance for
 travelling expenses to children who come from
 the three eastern Pennsylvania churches be reduced
 from six to four cents per mile; and the price of
 board and tuition for members of this Yearly
 Meeting, be raised to one dollar per month.
 We have arranged as follows in advance, to be made
 in the first of eight months. By adopting
 this arrangement with the prudent management
 of the articles of consumption, it is believed
 that the expenses of the School may be met, and
 the debt gradually discharged.

The amount of funds coming in to the Association
 for the schooling of poor children, including the
 bequest for that purpose by our late friend, Mr.
 Brown, is \$1650. It is, nevertheless, distinct from the general
 funds, and the income of it will support twelve
 children six months each, at an average of \$1.25
 per quarter.

We have continued to appoint committees to
 examine the school, semi-annually, and in these
 sessions have assisted several persons to the ser-
 vice. By their reports we are informed, that the
 general character of the school has been such

15th day of January, met at the 15th hour
 on the 15th of Jan. Epistle to the Brethren in Christ
 in a letter to our friends was read, appeared and signed
 an address to our own members and other Christian
 Communities on the subject of Slavery, prepared
 by the Association for Sufferings was also read to
 the comfort and satisfaction of the friends, and the
 Clerk is directed to sign the same on behalf of
 this assembly.

The friends to whom was referred the considera-
 tion of the propositions contained in the report
 of the Boarding School Committee, presented the fol-
 lowing report viz.

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee to take into consideration the propo-
 sitions contained in the report of the Boarding School
 Committee, report that they have given them their
 careful consideration, and that they are united in
 opinion that it will be best for the Society to
 accept them for the present year, the report of the
 Board however, in accordance with the intention of
 the School Committee, that the same be so stated
 should be referred to the Yearly Meeting, for
 and that this information be appended to the
 report of the School Committee.

The committee propose in order to a proper selec-
 tion of poor children to occupy the rooms of
 the charitable fund, that certificates be
 issued to ascertain the names of children of
 this description, in their respective meetings, and
 to communicate their names and ages to the
 Committee of the Society by the time of their meeting
 in the 1st month next at the Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee

Amos A. Smith Secy. 14th 1837.

The words of the text, "But one God" in relation to the
 question of the existence of such members of the Society
 as actually poor supported or not so much by the restriction of the
 are to have equal advantages of the same (the same is true.)

This report was submitted to the meeting and was received
it was ordered that our annual meeting and subscription be

This meeting having again taken under their own
consideration, the propriety of admitting children into
the Sunday School who are not members of our society,
came to the conclusion, that it would not be advisable
to receive any children who are not members, except
in those cases where one or both Parents are members,
and who, in the judgment of the acting Committee, are
proper subjects to become inmates of the Institution.

The joint Committee of men and women Friends, appointed
last year, to visit subordinate Meetings and Individuals
as occasion might require; and to endeavour to en-
courage and strengthen them in the maintenance
of our principles and testimonies, and the preser-
vation of love and unity, made the following report, viz

In the Yearly Meeting.

The joint Committee of Men and Women Friends, ap-
pointed last year, to visit subordinate Meetings
and individuals as way might then, Report that
some attention to some subjects affecting the welfare
of the Society, has been given by some of the Committee
and that these have laboured as way pointed for
the removal of those things which had obstructed
the harmony of Friends in some places; yet it is the
prospect of this Committee, that the appointment
of a similar Committee for a similar purpose, will
be expedient at the present time.

On behalf of the Committee

Thomas Howland,
Elizabeth Wing.

This report on being considered, was united with and
it being apprehended that difficulties will result
from a similar appointment at this time, we
have selected our friends Anna C. Atkins, Friend
John C. Bates, Hannah H. Bates, Mary Howland
Emma Meader, Lydia Reed, Mary L. Brown, Elizabeth

King, Mary D. Allen, Mary Stacy, and John C. Smith. Agnes Luman Elizabeth Hoadley and Hannah Gudge. who are desired to give such attention to the duties of their appointment as they may be enabled to do, and report next year.

The Committee in the removal of the Yearly meeting gave in the annexed report viz,

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee reported last year to the Yearly Meeting of Friends in place for the location of the Yearly Meeting, when it may be removed from this island. Having from time to time, since their appointment, given attention to the important subject, have, with much unanimity come to the conclusion to report, that they have not seen their way open to make any definite proposition to the Yearly Meeting at this time except to recommend the continuance of the subject another year, under the care of a Committee.

On behalf of the Committee

Witnessed this 14th, 1837.

Thomas Fry,

Mary D. Allen.

The Yearly Meeting has agreed to continue the subject under the care of a Committee until next year, and in the meantime the subject is in charge of the same friends who served the last year.

We adjourn to the 4th hour tomorrow afternoon.

At 4th hour afternoon met agreeably to adjournment.

Message of Epistles to the Yearly Meeting. London, Indiana and Ohio were then read and signed.

The appointment of a Committee to continue the subject for the coming year, being now considered, at this time, we are united in reappointing to that service the friends who had that charge the past year.

Endorsements for the certificates & our prayers
and are with us from other parts. Letters have
been prepared, and the Clerk directed to sign
them in behalf of the Meeting.

Adjourned to the time our next friends were
expected to meet tomorrow.

On the morning, not pursuant to adjournment.

The representatives being called are all persons
who attended the first sitting and accepted who
is determined to indistinctly and our friends who
are not in attendance at that time is now absent
except of Charles to the weekly meetings of Virginia,
Delaware, New York and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting
were read, approved and signed.

The friends selected to prepare a Summary
from the answers have presented one which
with some alteration was approved, and is
as follows, viz.

It appears that all our meetings for religious
worship and discipline have been kept up (with
the exception of a small number which were mostly
omitted in consequence of sickness and inclement
weather) and attended by the greater part of our
members yet there is a deficiency in some friends
in the performance of this important duty par-
ticularly in the middle of the week, on which
account some care has been extended to dis-
cussily stirring and mostly preserved from sleep
and other unbecoming behaviour. With a few ex-
ceptions love and unity subsist amongst friends
yet its influence does not appear to be so fully
prevalent as wholly to suppress the spirit of
dissension; care is taken to end differences.

There appears to be a good degree of true wisdom
in the minds of friends faithfully to discharge
their duty in Virginia by those and as their care
in friends endeavoring to restrain them from

it to the amelioration of the condition of our
 fellow beings who are suffering under the influence
 of the mind and religious improvement of our
 country of the human family generally. It is
 necessary that we be true to all our members,
 to the sacred religious convictions, and to the
 guidance of that Master which is both just,
 then, possible, gentle and sure to be indicated,
 and which is infinitely to direct us in the path
 of safety. And under this exercise, our consciences
 have been filled that we must not
 to compromise the testimony to the spiritual su-
 premacy of God in worship, before our early friends,
 when called upon to leave the various religious
 denominations with which they had been as-
 sociated, and again to revive among the nations
 in which they were scattered, a testimony to the
 operative influence of the Spirit of Truth upon the
 mind of man, as amply borne witness to in
 the Holy Scriptures, as essentially necessary to
 the performance of every religious act, and for
 our guidance in every good word and work.
 And while we desire that we may all minister
 a spirit and temper which will prevent us from
 condemning, or in any way attempting to impede
 the well meant endeavors of others to promote
 any of the objects of Christian benevolence,
 we must not allow that occupy the attention of the
 public mind, at the present day, we have believed
 that the precious testimonies to which we have
 alluded, and our influence, as a religious society
 in promoting the important objects we are devoted
 to every benevolent mind, very much depends
 upon a close adherence to our peculiar principles.
 Under these considerations, we have believed
 that to our meeting before us, we should
 bring our principles, as many thought, that

...of persons, and the influence of the
 ...which is expected to be
 ...brought into view in the history of
 ...to some of the members of our
 ...from an establishment in the land
 ...which will be a source of
 ...to us, and from a practical exemplifica-
 ...of them in our conduct. It is therefore our
 ...and judgment, that no such application
 ...the use of our meeting houses, may be dis-
 ...enced by Friends.

...meeting of the 14th inst. had been
 ...the service to which it had been
 ...meeting, wherein our compassionate
 ...has been pleased to favour us with
 ...evidence that he is still in health
 ...dependent on his own strength. Having been
 ...to the church have been as usual
 ...the unity; and the union of exercise has
 ...an encouraging assurance that the
 ...is indeed the same. We have been
 ...the hearts of the church to
 ...to minister availingly to His Church and
 ...people.

...had been a great blessing to the
 ...and growth of the
 ...part of the family and they have
 ...been exhorted to be faithful in little things, to
 ...to the regular principles of the church
 ...which sanctifies the afflictions, and brings into
 ...the church a true and faithful witness
 ...to the church. By the power of the
 ...of the church they can be
 ...into the church. By the power of the
 ...unto life and peace. herein they will be clothed upon
 ...with an increasing degree of confidence that the

procured blood that was shed for them with an
 holy gift to the religious community and a
 witness in their presence that in the truth
 we are to advance in holiness & strengthen
 them to endure their baptism which was
 necessary to prepare them for divine accept-
 ance and enable them to participate in the
 spiritual benefits that will then become great.
 And exercised for the support of the mission
 an harmonious co-operation of the different
 classes would be witnessed, and the bond of
 Christian fellowship thereby bound to the comfort
 of the living and the promotion of the cause
 of truth and righteousness in the earth.

We feel impressively the obligation we are
 under religiously to attend our religious
 meetings and the sin wait upon Him, in
 whose presence there is life and whose tender
 regard is not only to the multitude but
 to the few who are gathered in His
 name. How encouraging is this promise
 of a perseverance in the practice of assem-
 bling to which Him who we believe will
 withhold His merciful assistance and
 support from those who are careless
 to walk before Him in humility, and up-
 rightness of heart.

The Clerk is directed to forward to our
 respective churches abstracts of names from
 the Minutes and copies of Epistles received
 from our sisters of other churches.

Under a comforting assurance that our
 Heavenly Father will ever be pleased to afford
 us a portion of soul sustaining bread; and
 a heavenly host a degree of heavenly aid
 for his work and service in

recently and a receipt sent them the total
of which will conclude to meet again at the
place and time so permitted.

Barnab Gould Secy Church.

To: Forta Carolina Harigeshina & Wm. D. Smith,
Dear Sirs,

On 2^d inst of your lively and acceptable
Church in this our General Assembly, some of our
members have been made unusually sensible of the
preciousness of that love which unites together in
spiritual fellowship, the different members of the
Church of Christ, however widely separated may
be their outward allotments: in the fresh feeling
of this our dear friends, we earnestly trust, that
many will be conversed to turn near to Divine
fellowship.

Many of us there in this day, were made
to experience deep conflict and trial, not only
in our own account, but also according to the
measures in contemplation of the Lord's state of
the Church: yet we can thankfully acknowledge
that from our fellow-tribesmen we have been
mercifully favoured with encouraging evidence,
that the great and good Shepherd will watch
over his flock and at seasons deigneth to lead
them beside the still waters, and causeth them
to lie down in green pastures, and that
when he willeth both his own will be
done for them. Although the lot of these men
seemeth to be, to sit as mourners in Zion,
uttering the plaintive language of their hearts
to be O Lord spare thy people and give not
thine heritage to reproach, yet we believe that
in due time, if they wait not in vain, we appoint
unto them beauty for ashes the oil of joy for

morning, and the instrument of justice for the
 world of sinners. Amen 11.11.

During the several sittings of this year's
 session, we have been labouring to witness the
 confirming influence of Divine grace, to the
 sanctifying of our spirits in an humble united
 pursuit in the encouragement one of another.
 We desire, that we may persevere in our Chris-
 tian warfare, and hold fast the profession
 of our faith without wavering. Our minds
 have been filled with great solicitude
 for those in younger life, to whom we would
 say, be faithful in the faith, and thereby receive
 the blessing of being called our more. Thus you
 may be strengthened to come up, in the ab-
 sence of faith, to the help of the Lord, against
 the mighty; that the language of your ex-
 ample may be, *Thine are we David, and
 on thy side thou son of Jesse.* 1 Chron. 12. 18.

In deliberating on the various important
 subjects which have come before us, at the
 time, we have realized much unanimity
 of feeling, and a precious evidence must be
 relying with unshaken confidence on the
 arm of Divine power, which we humbly
 trust will ever interpose for our support
 on the present occasion, we may feel the
 confirming hope, that He, who in tender me-
 mory of His love will not fail to be
 our Omega.

It was a comfort to many of our minds
 to know that the people of colour continue
 to claim your sympathy, and are faithfully
 unite in desire, that every right opinion
 may be presented to promote their comfort
 and elevate their condition.

It was a satisfaction to us, that your

to be in accordance with your views in the school which
 meets on Sunday morning. I am sure school children
 that are properly trained to be rightly educated for
 the great work of our country, you will find it
 is possible to give a guarded and religious education
 and the school will be a great blessing to the community.

Under a sense of our responsibility to the
 Holy Spirit of the Church in which we are
 gathered together, we affectionately and gratefully
 Signed on behalf of the meeting
 Hannah Childs, Secy.

To Ladies. Truly Affectionate Women Friends
 Beloved Sisters.

It is only by the inspiration which we
 have received, that we are renewedly prepared
 from time to time to communicate acceptably
 one to another, either through this medium, or
 that sacred channel which we so devoutly
 believe to be prescribed by the Teacher of His
 people, namely, He is pleased to send us
 gathering the faithful, true, and sincere
 influences of His love, to enable his lim-
 ble, dependent children to become instrumental
 in building one another up in the most holy
 faith. As words without the accompanying
 evidence of that precious, cementing virtue,
 which unite with a corresponding witness
 in the hearts of living members in the militant
 church, will not prove availing in effecting
 the purpose of "they in whose conversion
 and the wisdom of the wise is brought out, and
 who bringeth to nothing the understanding
 of the foolish." Neither will a
 correspondence be attended with advantage
 without His aid, and growth and some can shut.

... in a measure, we trust, of which you
would not make use in the language of encourage-
ment. It is a consolation only, that the right-
eous shall hold on their way and they who have
clean hands shall be stronger and stronger &c. &c.
The Christian's path has been marked by the
blood of saints with conflict and persecution.
He who was made perfect through suffering,
continues to lead His followers in the way of
self-denial. They experience that, as without
Him they can do nothing that promote their
own peace, so they firmly believe that by en-
during the cross is the only way to the crown
and that His will remunerate to us our sanc-
tification, unto our redemption.

Your acceptable Epistle has been read at the
time. We unite with you in desiring that the
number may be increased, of those who are
practical believers in the doctrine of Jesus
Christ our Lord. It more numerous increase
of these important truths, however necessary
it may be, and undoubtedly it is so to have
them deeply implanted in our minds and
without experimentally witnessing the
extraordinary effects of the Holy Spirit, we
cannot become so united with Him who
will be like a religious fire and of the great
and operations of His power there are being
laid at the root of the corrupt tree, the heart
will be prepared for the seed of the Kingdom come
which though small in its first plantings, yet
will gradually expand and the fruits thereof will
be known by their increasing beauty, produ-
cing peace and joy. As the mind submits to the
spiritual baptism designated by Scriptural authority
to be washing of water by the word, and the

... it is diffusive, extending beyond the limits of
 a household of faith but in a particular manner
 it reaches the children belonging to this company,
 and influences into sympathy and Christian sym-
 pathy if you ever suffer, all the members suffer
 and it, if one is honoured, all rejoice therein.

May those in younger life, both with you and
 among us, be renewedly engaged to come up in
 faith, adhere to the promises of Him who is the
 visitations of His love, and inviting you by
 the gentle, persuasive influences thereof to come
 into Him who was meek, and lowly in heart: as
 you yield to the convicting power of the truth as it
 is in Him, submitting your wills to His Divine
 control; you will receive strength from time to
 time to enter into covenant with Him by sa-
 crifice — and realise that all the pleasures, all
 the qualifications which this world can present,
 are less than nothing, and vanity, in compari-
 son with the incomes of that enriching peace,
 which is the true reward of faithful obedience.
 And you come forward in the strength of grace,
 and become qualified to lend your aid in sup-
 port of the cause of righteousness. And thus
 now in a ~~renewal~~ ^{renewal} of the spirit of Him who is
 from age to age will be enabled to give satis-
 factory evidence, that our ~~faith~~ ^{faith} is not a
~~curiously decided faith~~ ^{curiously decided faith}, but that it is
 in ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~which~~ ^{which} is ~~nothing~~ ^{nothing}.

This our Annual Assembly has been large, and
 we trust, measurably favoured with the over-
 shadowing wing of divine regard.

The cause of the oppressed African has been
 brought before us, and we are induced to believe

that his spirituals are ascribed to the Father of mercies in their behalf.

And we all be concerned to dwell near to the Fountain of living water that we may with more protection and strength and by keeping our banks in righteousness we may pursue our journey in safety, and at its termination be welcomed as shocks of corn, fully ripe, and that God bless you, the Degree of merit.

With a salutation I love we remain your sisters.

On beholding the Martins.

Jannah Gould & Clark.

St. Virginia, Virginia, Women Friends
Quakers.

We have received your acceptable Letter with much interest and when we read that you had been with us, we desired not to be discouraged though from addressing you at this time. We are all much drawn in tender sympathy to salute those, who yet their dwellings to be as in solitary places — and in meeting together, being few in number, we long to know who will show us any good? we share the encouragement of those that they may continue to look unto Him, who gives grace to the faint, and increase the strength of those who are in the midst of their own. Fellowship with one another in this world is necessary, and the most sincere, has a tendency to unite all, however remotely situated, who are concerned to walk in the same way, and mind the same thing.

We have been brought at this time fervently to desire, that in all our movements we may be directed by that wisdom which is from above, which is peace, love, and peaceable gentleness.

to be united in all of our own and good words — and
 believing that it is only as we are humble that we
 can be helped by this wisdom, we have decided
 that we have endeavored to cultivate that humility
 which is pleasing in the divine sight, and which
 is particularly characterized the followers of Him
 who said, I am meek and lowly in heart.

The state of society as at this time seemed to our
 view by the answers to the Queries manifested
 more deficiencies in the support of those Christian
 testimonies which we believe it is our duty
 faithfully to maintain and a living exercise has
 been in the removal of the cords of those who
 felt. If we were brought to a review of some
 of the ground upon which these testimonies are
 founded if we adverted to faithfulness, and the
 manner of our proceedings in sustaining them,
 we believe that some of our members ~~might~~
 neglect to maintain them, or to esteem them
 highly.

The condition of those who are held in bondage
 continues to claim our serious attention, and
 we humbly trust, that among our own
 converts to Christ, and to the divine cause
 in relation to it — we are sensible that the
 work is the Lord's and that we can do nothing
 in our own strength to promote it, but wish
 we could be so united in faithful testimony to
 sustain the principles of truth, in the discharge
 of this as well as our other religious duties. —
 We have united with our brethren in approving
 an address, brought forward at this time, in
 particular calling the attention of our own and
 other Christian communities to the subject —
 our fervent prayer is that the Lord would be
 graciously pleased to soften the hearts of those
 who hold their fellow beings in bondage, and

cause them to realize the declaration - that
 "The South made of our blood all the nations
 that dwell on the face of the earth."

Finally our friends may want to witness and
 established on the living ground - the
 the rock of ages, and under the guidance of the
 no. 2. 1848. may be useful to your friends.

At this time, the conference of the
 and the sisterhood of the Holy Scriptures.

In true sisterly regard we remain your friends
 signed on behalf of the Meeting.

Hannah Gould, Secy.

To New York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends,
 Friends,

It has been in weakness, and under
 discouragements, that many have presented them-
 selves in this our Annual Meeting, yet this much
 can be said, that the abundance of the un-
 searchable wisdom and goodness of the Father
 the Church is abasing and humbling the
 creature, that no flesh should glory in his presence.
 that the same may be a blessing and an increase
 of His righteous government experienced in our
 hearts.

We have been encouraged to be involved in the
 renewed extension of Heavenly regard, some who
 are in the meridian, and morning of life, are
 concerned, and in measure given up to do the
 will of a sanctified and true Lord. To those who
 have been with even feeling of grief, to those
 that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not,
 for in the Lord there is salvation, and a recom-
 mendation.

We are led at this time to appreciate the bene-
 diction of Christian intercourse and are made

... of the hand of God. ...
 ... Faithfully in our different attol-
 ... dear sisters, that the reading
 ... of unity in religious exercise, and a
 ... lighted candles, and that the fruits of the
 ... be made more manifest amongst us.

The labors of thanksgiving and praise hath
 ... to realize the overshadowing influence of
 ... Love in this our annual assembly.

We have been sensibly reminded of the im-
 ... Faithfulness in the support of our
 ... Discipline, and are bound to acknowl-
 ... that from the state of society as spread before
 ... from the answers to the Queries there are things
 ... do let and hinder us in the discharge of our
 ... Union — The apparent neglect in the at-
 ... has called
 ... the exercise of many minds now present
 ... both with you and us to this important
 ... to this reasonable duty we may be assu-
 ... that the life of religion in the heart is not
 ... the necessity of increased
 ... should we realize an
 ... increased attachment to those precious testi-
 ... with our professed.

We have been favoured with the ...

presented with our families from attending our
 services, and also in the midst of the work that
 is advancing, we present the following invitation
 for us and for our children.

We are fully aware of our position in relation
 to support of our Christian Discipline and we
 are not to desire that our name be mentioned
 concerned to abide in the true and living
 one, that we may have hope and comfort
 and have faith true in the promises and
 power of the great God and Jesus. We are
 indeed to believe that there are many in
 the morning of life whose solicitude and attend-
 ing deportment manifests a lively interest
 in the business of the meeting, and that
 there are those of this interesting part of
 the family, who are under the preparative
 grace and influence in Christ Church, and
 there are with us and are, according to the
 teachings of Him who hath testified that
 "He would have His will in Israel."

The conviction of those who are with us
 knowledge continues to increase. We are
 attending and are fully convinced that many
 amongst us are concerned to know, and to
 do the Divine will in relation to it. We are
 aware that the work is the Lord's and that
 we have no right to say or do anything to
 promote it, but, may we all be engaged in
 faithful obedience to follow the promptings of
 truth, in the discharge of this as well as our
 other religious duties. We have no doubt that
 our brethren in other churches will be brought
 forward at this time, interestingly attending the
 attention of our own and other Christian com-
 munities to the subject. Our fervent prayer is
 that the Lord will be graciously pleased to

were branch of the same family, that the present
 feeling & action may be strengthened and that
 we through united prayer may be
 enabled to direct near the principle of living
 which maketh quick of understanding in the
 face of the Lord, and to turn from every thing
 which hath a tendency to scatter in heart and to
 scatter in spirit.

During the several sittings of this Society meeting we
 have been favoured to witness the most interesting
 & divine of prayer, and thereby enabled to witness the
 business that has come before us is most happy.

We are in a great measure enabled to witness the
 last mentioned in many of our minds the feeling
 of tender sympathy, with renewed desires for your
 encouragement to persevere in every good work; that
 in word, and in deed, you may be approved in the
 Divine sight: and may we all through mercy, be
 preserved steadfast, immovable, always abounding
 in the work of the Lord, knowing that our labour is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Cor. 15. 58.

To those in younger life, we are looking for a
 succession of upright Standard-bearers in the
 Church and in the world, men who will stand
 with you, and us, may be willing to sacrifice what
 may be called for at their hands, by Him, from
 whose bountiful hand they receive every blessing.
 May they be enabled to stand in the presence
 of God with a heart of devotion, and a mind
 in right measure with the Lord, and that they
 shall be rewarded by sweet peace of mind, and
 an increased ability to serve that they are
 in the Lord, and to be instruments of His will.

It has been our joy to our feelings and our
 love to mind and our love to our fellow-men
 that the people of colour still claim your sympathy

and all the world to write to me. I am
 very glad to hear that you are
 in your efforts on their behalf, and may be
 by this declaration. Blessed are the
 who are persecuted for my sake.

I am at home and the company of
 friends is very pleasant. I am
 very glad to hear that you are
 in your efforts on their behalf, and may be
 by this declaration. Blessed are the
 who are persecuted for my sake.

To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Women Friends
 Dear Friends,

Under a sense of the presence of the
 Holy Spirit, I am enabled to
 speak to you of the love of God, and the
 poor with me; however unworthy we may
 ourselves to be of the least of His mercies, we are
 reverently bound to acknowledge, that the influence
 of Divine Love has not been withheld in the different
 sittings of this our Annual Meeting, in which, by
 religious exercise, on the different interesting
 subjects that have been spread before us, we have
 the regulating principle of Divine Grace, in which
 the lovingly exercised are enabled to persevere.

The cause of Temperance, in the different
 sittings of the meeting, has been a subject
 many minds into painful, yet we trust profitable
 exercise, on account of the departures from a faithful
 support of the various testimonies, which have been
 purchased for us, through tribulation and suffering.
 In a view of our declension from primitive
 piety, we have apprehended that the enemy of
 good has prevailed with his insinuations, and

united with our brethren in expressing our
 cordial regard at this time to those who are
 the pillars of our cause, and the friends of
 communities to the subject. Our fervent prayer
 is that the Lord should be graciously pleased
 to open the eyes of those who have their
 fellow beings in bondage and cause them
 to realize the responsibility which rests on
 us that all nations of men be redeemed
 from every form of the evil. - 1846.

It is a blessing to our friends here that we have
 shared in their spiritual and social condition,
 and we may gratefully acknowledge that
 their exercise and labour of love have
 been to our comfort and encouragement.

We acknowledge the many blessings of your
 acceptance of this and are almost sure
 to believe that you in the distant distance
 judge a discipleship, in a submission of
 which we could never, and did not expect
 fractionally Yarewell.

In the hope of the next year.

Yours with love & respect.

To Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Women Friends
 & Loved Sisters.

Our acceptance of communication from 1844
 has been a great comfort to us at this time,
 and we have been repeatedly confirmed in the
 belief, that however encompassed with trials and
 discouragements, the mind is cheered by the language
 of sympathy and sisterly love conveyed through the
 medium of epistolary intercourse, and we earnestly
 desire that these springs of consolation may continue
 to flow from the fountain of Divine Love we
 love at this time the influence thereof to be
 precious in cementing our hearts together, and

expressed in humble thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for the continued supplies of sustenance which he has chosen to send. He is pleased to dispense to us, as to the remaining portion of the year, as much as we need.

Though in early life, we partakers in measure of the support derived from the same, may think it is unnecessary to devote ourselves without intermission to the cross, which may they yet be made to navigate in the light of the living and a widening gate.

And while we feel bound thankfully to bear testimony to the unswerving goodness and mercy of God, and the strength of His arm, and the love of His Father, we are, through the various afflictions of this mortal existence, to administer to our souls, we have been made renewedly sensible, that, as we cannot do good things can be performed, but is much as to breathe one living aspiration - and may we thank God, and take courage, in that He still continues to make a way for His dependent creatures, when to them there appears to be no way.

In deliberation on the state of souls as preserved in the world to the Quakers we have to mention over many deficiencies, yet we have gratefully to believe that there are preserved, not a few, who are preferring Jerusalem above their chief joy; and all these with you and us, to maintain and strengthen to Him in our daily walking the eye of the mind single directed to the things of the Church and with this promise, "For thou shalt walk through the waters, I will be with thee: and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou shalt walk through the fire, thou shalt not be burned: neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. Is. 42.2.

According to this and said condition, and that we are assured that every thing may be done for their relief, which is consistent with the truth, we also wish, that in this, as in every other duty, the eye may be kept single to the paintings of Christ's wisdom, that we be enabled not only to help our own hands down but everybody to labour in the same. The time at this time is constantly united with an address pronounced by our own friends in which the ~~meeting~~ meeting is called to a serious consideration of this important and affecting subject.

In true and only affection we are your friends

On behalf of the Meeting,

Hannah Goulds Jr. Clerk

The above report being taken and read, it was voted that the same be the basis of the next meeting, and that the meeting be held on the 1st of March, next, at the conclusion of the same, and after a season of retirement proceeded to business.

It was furnished with accounts from all our Quarters, and the same were read and approved. The following were the names of the friends who attended the meeting, and the names of the friends who were present at the meeting.

Salem, Sophronia Page, Hannah Collins, Hannah Ross, Abigail Chase, and Miriam's two hall.

Andover, Rachel Gardner, Rosa Miller, Phoebe Swift, Mary Davis, Alice Rogers, Mary Carter, Barbara Tiffin, Susanna Condon, and Lucia B. Willson.

Smithfield, Mary B. Allen, Phoebe Southwick, Peter and Sarah W. Fiske.

Exeter, Lydia Jones, Emma Robinson, Lydia Threlk.

by the funds appointed for that purpose which is
 follows viz.

It appears that all our meetings for religious
 and domestic have been kept the last of the year
 for the last meeting on the 1st of January
 and the meeting on the 1st of February
 by the great part of our members. yet there is
 much of our members in some of the most
 particularly in the attendance of our meetings
 in which some of our best members
 have nearly absent and some are nearly
 absent from our meetings.

It has been believed that the size of the
 building is too small.

It is our duty to be faithful to our
 as well as friends and relations. we are
 not to be led by all as becomes our profession. we
 have arisen. care has been taken to end the
 There appears to be a concern with most friends
 bring up those under their direction in the
 of speech, conversation and a shared, to be
 from contradictory feelings and the receipt
 of the word, and are exemplary
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 There appears to be a care with most
 all proceedings with regard to marriage
 and discipline, yet several instances

at Antiochian Epistle from this Society, this evening.
 Read at this time.

to the time our men friends may conclude.

then can meet at the Parish House.

Monday ~~at~~ ^{morning} met near the ¹¹th hour.

following report of the Boarding School Committee
 has been read and is put to a vote. (Over)

To the Society Meeting.

The Boarding School Committee Report, that

Regularly attending, during the past year in year
 to the various concerns of the Institution.

Things have been regularly carried out and answered
 provided. The records number of students has been

no number and thirty. But at the present time there
 a twelve scholars in the Institution who are not members

of our religious Society, all but two of whom are
 called with Friends. Our friends Emack and Lydia

and have continued, acceptably, to act as Superintendents
 and during the past year.

We have at this time agreed with our friends Poulton
 and Bathun, to serve the Institution in that capacity.

under the existing system of
 were intervals, and which they have believed were
 to facilitate their improvement. It has appeared to
 Committee reasonable, that the health of the Teachers
 should be consulted, by affording them such relaxation
 as their situation may require.

than can be afforded under its present
 efforts, continued to be occupied, has also much

that the year be divided into two terms of
 four weeks each, each term to be succeeded by a
 week of two weeks, the summer term to commence
 on the second day preceding the first full day in the
 month, and the winter term on the second day
 preceding the first full day in the seventh month;

the Schools, by Committees from time to
 be specially appointed to that service by the general
 Committee.

Should this arrangement be approved by the Board
 of Trustees, it will be expected that children shall enter the

that the time of their continuance there, shall
 be such as to enable them to attend the
 of the Acting Committee being first made, in
 case a part of the term.

that, when once carried into operation, it would
 materially affect the convenience of parents. We

in some Committee and report when
as soon as the time for our friends in our midst
and a number of others in the South were
in a position to see the same. Meetings of Indians
and some of them were sent, approved and directed.

might require, to encourage them to the preservation
of the same, and in the maintenance of our Christian
and domestic - report, that the Committee
attend to the duties of their appointment, and

visited all the quarterly meetings, and some of

as was opened for it to promote the objects
of their appointment, and are induced to believe that

labors of love were not in vain. The case of
persons referred to their attention, existing in one of
the quarterly meetings, was carefully enquired into,
and in connection with a Committee of the Society, a
message was recommended
meeting where the difficulties originally commenced
which resulted in the termination of the subject.

are induced to suggest for the consideration
of the Society, the appointment of a Committee
of the Society, at the present time.

In behalf of the Commission

Thomas Howard
Lydia Wood.

is that served the last year are appointed to
attention to the subject as was suggested.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration
several papers have submitted to the Society the following
and have been on the following Committee.

harmony and love, we concluded, perforce, to be
mitted to meet at the usual time and place
years.

Cannah "Gospel Hunt" & Clerk.

To both Christina & Mary, affecting of

We have in humble gratitude to
the continued goodness of Divine Providence, in per-
act can be acceptably performed. In feeling our
drawn tenderly to salute you dear sisters, we are
believing that, as we are individually en-
and more experience communion with the Love of God
and be enabled to say as were the primitive Christians,
Truly one fellowship is with the Father, and

Leaves in the Church have of latter time, been
taken up by death, we ardently desire that a time

rest on our minds to keep our ranks in righteousness,
 to make our hearts true to the cause.

not be found ready to enter into that fold for
 the children of God. Feeling sorely and inevitably
 the extension of divine regard towards those

ignominy. Come, taste and see that the Lord is good.

It was in successful operation, with the increas-
 ing respect of its becoming increasingly useful, by
 the means of a general and religious education
 of the rising generation. May it prove a blessing

mixed condition of the Wreathing of cotton, we are
 in believing that they continue to obtain the
 attention of Friends: we can feelingly respond to
 expressions of sympathy with them contained in your
 letters, and we desire that mine may be weary in withholding

manicipation, and that we act together as one com-
 munity, members of the same religious society, moving
 in meekness of wisdom, and desiring to do unto others

in the same unity of spirit and bond of peace.
 With the solicitation of love we are your friends

Dear friends,

The reading of your acceptable Epistle has brought you
 long to our remembrance, and we trust it hath tended

of our minds, at this time, that
the unity of the Spirit and bond
through the extending of the
our "Love to all" the blessed relationship
the line, ever bearing in remembrance
our Lord, "Every branch in me that bears
Heavenly Father purgeth it that it may
bring forth much fruit."

and being established in the most perfect
able to offer living sacrifices, acceptable

We have had amongst us the presence
of gratitude and praise to the Father of all

ancient "goodness, under the influence of
which love and harmony.

The degraded condition of the people of color
to ensure every right opportunity of amelioration
their suffering and that the time is short when
their bonds will be broken and they become free.

The Aborigines of this Country still engage you
him, and we would mingle our sympathies with
ours, for this unhappy portion of our fellow
may you be strengthened to persevere in your
of love.

We have at this Yearly Meeting several friends
from other Yearly Meetings and we have seen
Labors have been the same and we have seen

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The evening of your departure from the city of London
was a day of great anxiety and sorrow to all who loved you.

We bid you adieu and bid you farewell.
Dannah Gould to Clarke.

Address of the Society of Friends to the

Dear Friend

The evening of your departure from the city of London
last has been a day of great anxiety and sorrow to all who loved you.
We have again been reminded to watch in this your journey
for the great things which are to be accomplished.
All hearts are turning to you with a still more intense feeling
and although it is a day of trial and conflict, yet we know
that those who keep a single eye to the direction of Heaven, who
are true to the Way, the Truth and the Life will be led
in a straight path enabled to follow Jesus with all power
and blessing in this world as well as in the next.

That as often as we are tempted to walk in darkness in the
darkness of our hearts we have seen the light of the
way of the Spirit in the hour of trial.

The state of things as brought to our view in this
presents many difficulties which have to be overcome.
In sleep, the enemy sows his tares whereby we are ad-
vised to be vigilant in our hearts and prayers for the
blessing of preservation in the Fear of the Lord.

The enemy is now at work in our hearts and in
our lives and we have the great work to do in
our hearts and in our lives. This work is to be done
by faithfulness and diligence in us who remain
in the world and in the time of our lives.
We have seen the light of the Spirit in the hour of trial
which is the source of our strength.

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The Indiana Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

of the Society Meeting

strengthening of our minds, enabling us
to grapple with the concerns of society that have come
before us. We are concerned in spirit, that her righteousness may
be made manifest, as the salvation thereof is a lamp
to the nations. May we all continue engaged to encourage
one another in the way of truth, and in the midst of
the trials we may witness a deepening in the roots of
life.

In taking a view of the wide expanse of your Yearning
our minds are drawn into sympathy with those
in situations, who are seldom privileged in meeting
their friends in a Yearning Meeting capacity, may those
who are animated to persevere in the Christian
in their being, that the work of righteousness is
not in vain.

We have cause to lament the sorrowful
condition of the world, in the belief that there remains a remnant
of faithful labourers who are bound to the law and
the testimony of truth - and we are cheered in the hope
that there are many amongst those in early life who
have been led to the knowledge of the truth, and
therefore live as to make some straight steps in the Christian
life.

and I will run after thee. We entreat all such
to persevere in the way of self-denial, coming up in the
exercise of faith to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
that they may be able to stand as faithful standard bearers, who prefer persecution to
the loss of their souls.

With affectionate regards to the dear friends, and
prayers for the success of your cause, I remain, your
affectionate friend,

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and the thirty-eighth was also very good.

1830.
6th Mo.

Appendix.

3rd day Morning*. Omitted recording in place. — See Page 129.

" Report of the Committee of Conference.

" To the Yearly Meeting — now sitting.

Seven of your Committee appointed to meet, or Correspond with the Committees appointed by other Yearly Meetings on this Continent and those Committees in Philadelphia in the 7th Month last, and with great unanimity, this "United Committee prepared and agreed to the Testimony now to be presented to the Yearly Meeting".

Sign'd on behalf of the Committee.

Thomas Howland.

Mary B. Allen.

Newport 6th Mo: 15th 1830.

* The reading of the above-said Minute^{or Report} was previous to the Testimony's being read — and should have preceded it on the Record of the Minutes of 6th Mo: 15th 1830. — See Page 129

* Note explanatory of a Minute recorded 6th Mo: 15th 1830 — in relation to the above-said Testimony. — See Page

Said Minute was not framed at the sitting wherein the Testimony was read; but before the Minutes were closed, it was concluded that there should be a joint Minute prepared in the Men's Meeting, and recorded on the Minutes of each; a blank space was therefore left for it at that time, and on 5th day afternoon [the 15th] it was accordingly presented by our Men Friends, and united with by us. — See Page 129.

[Clerk of the Women's Meeting]

Summary for 1831 - which should have been recorded immediately after the minute in relation thereto - see Page 155.

By accounts received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that our Meetings for religious Worship and Discipline have been kept up with a few exceptions occasioned by unusually inclement weather: - many of them are attended by a considerable part of our members - yet a want of engagement in some in this very important duty is sorrowfully observed - particularly those in the middle of the week, on which account some labour has been extended. Mostly careful respecting the hour - and of unbecoming behaviour when assembled.

Love and Unity in a good degree maintained - yet not so fully, by all as becomes our profession, and which would tend to suppress the spirit of detraction. Where differences appear care has been bestowed.

Many amongst us, deeply feel the importance of a guarded education - and are concerned to train those under their direction in conformity to our testimony - to guard them from the perusal of unprofitable books, and corrupt conversation - endeavouring themselves to be exemplary herein - but remissions is apparent in some in these respects. The Holy Scriptures are generally read in Friends families, tho' we apprehend not so frequently by all as would be profitable. Clear of the improper use of spirituous liquors, except in one instance, which has been under care. No complaint with regard to the attendance of places of public resort. The circumstances of the poor are attended to, and their necessities relieved: their children partake of the benefits of learning.

There appears to be a care in the minds of many Friends, that all proceedings with regard to marriage be conformable to Discipline, yet we believe an increased concern in these respects, would have a tendency to prevent out-goings therein. A concern is manifest to maintain our testimony in the several branches of the 7th & Pth ~~and~~ Quinis. Mostly careful respecting records.

We think Friends are concerned to deal with offenders, and to place judgment according to Discipline.

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in introduced in this
a. m. Church.
We have had the acceptable company
of some of our friends
and have seen a strength to set
with a salutation of love, we are yours
P. C. C.

The New York, Martha, Maria of Wernier
& Co. Friends.

It is a lovely gathering capacity; and a tremendous
share of your invaluable communications of 5th
in which we were made to rejoice that the mission
of the Spirit that truth still continues to influence
this to converse with our absent sisters in the full
of the love, encouraging one another to hold
in the presence of our faith without wavering. Believing that
the presence of the Holy Spirit is the presence of the
evidence that we are not forsaken by the unhuman
rejection of Israel, who, in this unrelenting manner
withstanding the work of His love, to gather into one
society, a backsliding and rebellious people.

Imagining the state of society as spread
at this time, many deficiencies are appa-
rent yet we are comforted in believing there is an
interest and concern in the minds of some
young friends, for the support of our
mission, which we consider almost with a
to maintain with faithfulness the truth with
and so may be waiting to accept the love
of the Holy Spirit. We are
the presence and love of the Holy Spirit.

are leading under the weight of ignorant prejudice
and still the few of liberal thinking are
laboring, and who are looking for some one
to take their place for the very best of
the family.

We have been favored with the company of
several friends from the North, and the
labors among us have been unbroken. The
state of society and have been strengthening to
us in the fellowship of the Gospel of our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ.

The efforts and repeated petitions of
the people of colour awakened in our minds
from time to time feelings of the most true
sympathies, and we have been led to
take as our motto, where we can, we will
open for a more efficient manifestation of
our concern in their cause, acting upon
ground of Christian benevolence, in the
spirit of meekness and lowliness toward
one another, and with our professed Lord.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting
Hannah Gould & Clerk

Nov. 1841.

